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Henry the. viii. by the grace
of God kyng of Englande, Fraunce, and
Ireland, defender of the faith, and of the
Churche of Englande and also of Irelande
in earthe Supreme heade, to the honour of
almightie God, and for the concorde quyet
and welth of this his realme, and sub-
tertes of the same, helde his mosse
high courte of parliament, be-
gun at Westminster the.
xvi. day of January, and
continued til the first
day of Apryl, the
xxiii. yere of
his mosse
noble
and
victorious reigne, wherein
were establyshed these
actes folowng.

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An act concerning counterfaite letters or priuie tokens to receiue money or goodes in other mennes names. Cap. i.



How as muche as many lyght and euill disposed personnes not myndynge to get their liuinges by tynthe, accorbynge to the lawes of this realme, but compassynge and deuising daiely howe they maie vnlaufullly obteyne and gette into their handes and possessions goodes cattalles and iewels of other persons for the maintenance of their vnhyristie lyvinge. And also knowinge that if they come to anie of the same goodes, cattalles and iewelles by stelthe, that than they being therof laufullly conuicte, accorbynge to the lawes of this realme, shall die therfore: haue now of late falsely and disceitfullly contrived deuised and ymagined priuie tokens and counterfaite letters in other mennes names, vnto diuers persons their especiall frendes and acquaintances, for the obteynynge of money, goodes, cattalles, and iewelles of the same persons, their frendes & acquaintaunces, by colour wherof, the saide lyght and euill disposed personnes haue disceitfullly and vnlaufullly obteyned and gotten greatte substance of money, goodes, cattals, and iewels into their handes & possessions, contrarie to right and conscience. For reformation wherof, be it ordeined and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, of what estate or degree soeuer he or they be, at any time after the firste daie of Aprill next comynge, falsely and disceitfullly obteine or get into his or their handes or possession any money, goodes, cattals, iewels or other thinges, of any other person or persons, by colour and meanes of any suche false token or counterfaite letter made in anie other mannes name as is aforesaid, that than euery such person and persons, so offendinge, and beyng therof laufullly conuicte by witnesses, taken before the lord Chancellour of Englande for the time beinge, or by examinacion of witnesses, or confession taken in the sterre chaumber at Westm before the kinges moste honourable councell, or before the iustices of assise in their circuits for the time beinge, or before the iustices of peace within any parte of the kynges dominion in their generall sessions, or by action in anie of the kings courts of record, shall haue and suffre such correction and punishment by imprisonment of his bodie, settingt vppon the pyllozie, or otherwise by any corporal peine (except peines of death) as shall be vnto him or the limited adiudged or appointed by the person and persons, before whom he shall be so conuicte of the saide offences or of any of them.

And be it further enacted by thiauctoritie afoze saide, that as well the iustices of assise for the time beinge, as also two Iustices of peace in euery countie, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue ful power and auctoritie to call and conuent by proces or otherwise, to the said assises or generall sessions, any person or persones beinge suspected of any of the offences afoze saide, and to commytte him or them to ward, or let him or them to bayle till

the nexte assises or generall sessions, there to be examined and further to be ordered by their discreacions, as is aboue saide.

Provided alwaies and be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that iustices of the peace bothin every cite borough town & franchises within this realme or other the kinges dominions, shall haue like iurisdiction power and auctorite at their general sessions, and otherwise to do and execute al and every thing and thinges in al pointes, as other iustices of assises in their circuits, or iustices of the peace in the counties by vertue of this acte be lymitted and appointed to do and execute, for the punishment and correction of lyke offenders, as by this aforesaid acte is specified and declared. Sauing to the partie greued by such deceit such remedy by way of action or otherwise of and for the same money goodes cattalles iewelles or other thinges so obteyned, as he might haue had if this acte had neuer ben had ne made, any thing in the same contained to the contrary in anie wise not withstandinge.

Provided alwaies and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges highnes councell of his towne of Calais, or thre of them for the time beinge, shall haue such and like auctorite for the examinacion, baylement and punishment of such offendour or offendours, and for such offences hereafter to be committed & done within the towne and marches of Calais and county of Guines, as the aforesaid Iustices of assise, or iustices of peace haue by force of this acte within their iuridictions & auctorities.

An acte concernynge byenge of fysh upon the sea. Cap. ii.



Where many and diuerse townes and portes by the sea syde, in the counties of Kent and Suffer, as well of the fyue portes and membres of the same portes as other, haue in tymes past ben in great welth and prosperitie, wel builded & inhabited with a great multitude of people, by reason of byng and exercising the craft and feat of fishing, wherby the said portes and townes were able to make among them selues a great number of botes and shippes, and also many good maryners to the sayde botes belongynge, the which saide maryners were not onely put to the sayde diligent labour and exercise of fyshyng, but also they were put in daily experience and knowledge of the costes of the sea, as wel within this realme as in other parties beyonde the sea, by the which practyse it was not only great strength to this realme, by reason of bynging by and encreasyng of maryners, whē so euer the kinges grace had nede of them, but also a great welth to the realme, and abundāce of such, wherby our soueraine lord the kynge, the lordes gentlemen and commons were alwaies well serued of fysh in market townes of a reasonable price: and also by reason of the same fishing many men were made and grewe riche, & many pooze men and women had therby

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therby their conuenient liuing, to the strength encreasing and welth of this realme. And where many and diuers of the said fisher men, for their singular lucre and aduantage do leaue the saide craft of fyshinge, and be confederate with Picarde, Fleminges, Normans, and Frenchemen, and sometime saile ouer into the costes of Picards and Flaunders, & sometime do met the saide Picardes and Fleminges halfe the sea ouer, and there for redy money of the coine of this realme, do marchant and bie the said french fishe of the same estrangers amountinge to the summe yerely of. xx. M. markes and aboue, and so come and make their sales in diuers costes and crikes within this realme at their pleasure, where if they did not so, the same pycardes & Fleminges wold bring the same fishe ouer them selues, and sell it in this realme to the kinges subiectes, much better cheape, and for lesse money, if the some botes and people of this realme wolde not grate the saide fishe: the which is to the great impouerishynge of the kinges people, conueyng and minishynge of the kinges coyne out of this realme, contrary to the lawes & statutes, to the great diminucion of the kinges nauie fisher botes and mariners, and also to the destruction desolaciō and vtter vndoing of such portes and townes by the sea side, & depopulacion of the people of this realme and the debilitie and weakenes therof. In consideracion wherof, be it enacted ordeined and establisshed by the kinge our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no maner of person englishe denizen nor estranger, now dwelling, or they which at anie time hereafter shal dwell or inhabit within any of the five portes crikes lymes or membres of the same, or within anie other place within this realme, shall fro the first day of Auguste now nexte comminge, by anie freshe fysh of anie straunger in the said parties of Flaunders, Zelande, Picardy or Fraunce, or vpon the sea, betwene shore and shore, or in any other place beyonde the sea, to put to sale within this realme, to anie person or persones, vpon paine of euerie person so doing at any time, to forfait for euery time so doing ten pounds, wherof the one halfe to be to our soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other halfe to the partie or parties that will sue for the same, by byl, action of det, informacion or otherwise in any of the kings courtes, and to be tried in the countie nexte adioyning, wher the byng is suppoled to be made don or had, wher in no delay wager of lawe protection nor essone shall be allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that it shall be lawful to all and euery fysher estranger, to come and resort into euery hauen port crike or other place within this realme with their fishe, and the same fishe to put to sale without let or impediment of any person or persons at all times and as often as shall please them.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this acte or anie thinge therein conteyned, shall not extende or be in any wise hurtfull to any person or persons for the byng of sturgeon porpole or seale vpon the sea, or bought in anie part of beyonde the sea, and brought into this realme to be vttered and solde, any thing con-

teined in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Provided also, that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned shall not bee hurtfull ne prejudiciall to anie person or persons for the byinge of anie hearynge or spzattes, vpon the sea, or at the costes, to be bought at anie time on this syde the feaste of the purification of our lady saint Mary, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God, a thousande fyue hundred forty and thre, any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

Provided furthermoze, that this acte or anie thing therein conteined, shall not extende to anie person or persons, which shall by anie fysh in a- nie parties of Iselande, Scotlande, Orkeney, Shorlande, Irelande, or Newlande, anie thing conteined in this acte to the contrary in anie wise not withstandinge. This acte only to endure tyll the latter ende of the next parliament.

An acte for folding of clothes in North- wales. Cap. iii.



Where a certayne kinde and sorte of wallshe clothes cal- led whytes, rullettes, and kenettes, made & wrought in Northwales and Orcester hundred, adjoining to North wales, of long time haue bene & be so craftely and harde rolled together, that the byertherof can not perceiue nor discerne the vnttrue makinge and breadthe therof, to the great hurt disceyte and empouerishing of the kinges true and louing subiectes. For remedy wherof be it enacted ordeined and esta- blyshed, by the kyng our soueraigne lord, his lordes spirituall and tempo- rall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by aucto- ritie of the same, that all and euery the said clothes from and after the feast of the Natiuite of sainte John Baptiste nexte commynge, that shall bee brought to any common markettes or feyres to be vttered and solde, shall be folded either in pleighes or cuttelle, as the clothes of al ather countreies of this realme commonly haue ben vled and be vled, to thentent that the byers therof maie plainely see and perceiue the breadth, and goodnesse of suche clothe and clothes that he shall bie. And that euery pere of the said clothes, which after the said feast shall be brought to any market or fayze to be vttered and solde, contrary to the forme abouesayde, shal be forfaited, that is to saie, the moitie or one halfe therof to the vble of our said souerain lord the kyng, and the other moitie therof to anie of the kinges subiectes, which will sue for the same in an of the kinges courtes of recorde, by action of dette byll plainte informacion or other wise, wherein the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor eslopinge, or any other delatozyle admitted or allowed.

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An acte concerning peuterers. Cap. iiii.



Here at the parliament begun at London the thirde daie of Nouēbre, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of the king our soveraigne lord, & from thens aourned to westm, and there holden, & from that time continued by divers prorogaciōs vnto the .xv. day of Januarie, the .xxv. yere of his most noble reigne: it was ordeined and established by the assent of the kinges maiestie, his lordes spiritual & temporall, & the commons in the said parliament than assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no person nor persons, from that time than inhabiting, or which after that time shuld inhabite within this realme, shoulde bie, or other wise take by exchange for other wares, any maner wares made, or hereafter to be made out of this realme, of tinne or mixt with tinne, as platters, dishes, saucers, pottes, basons, ewers, flagons, goblets, salters, salt sellers, spoones, or any other thing made of tinne or pewter, as aforesaid, what so euer it were, vpon paine of forfaiture of the same wares, in whose handes so euer it might be found or taken, & also law ful money currant in this realme, to the ful value therof, & one half of the same forfaiture to be to the vse of the kinges highnes, and the other half to be to the vse of the finders of the same: and further it was enacted, that it shoulde be lefull to the maister & wardein of the pewterers, aswel within the cite of London, as within euery other cite, borough or towne within this realme, where such wardens were, & wher no such wardens were, to the hed officer or gouernour, hed officers or gouernours of the same cite borough or towne for the time being, to appoint diuers persons most expert in knowlege of the same, to make serch & seisure, & to take into their handes & possession, al such wares, as thereafter shuld be brought contrarie to the true entent & effect of the said act, in whose soeuer handes or possessions any such shuld be founde. And it was also enacted by the auctoritie aboue said, that no person nor persons, occupieng the said craft or occupation of pewterers within this realme, shuld set on worke, or retaine in his or their seruice any pson or persons, to be his or their pretice or iourney man, estranger bozne out of this realme, vpon paine to forfeite for euery such prentice and iourney man .x. li. sterlinges: and that no stranger bozne out of this realme shoulde occupie exercise or vse, from the feast of Petercost than next coming, the said craft of peuterers, ne worke any maner of vessels or other wares aforesaid, to be made of tin or peuter, within any place or places of this realme, vpon paine of forfaiture of .x. li. sterlinges, and also vpon paine of forfaiture of the same peuter or tin so wrought, in whose handes so euer it shoulde be founde or taken: and it was further enacted by the saide auctoritie that no person nor persons being bozne within this realme, tha occupieng or exercising the said craft of peuterers, shuld fro thenforth resort into any strange regions or countreies, there to ble teache or exercise the said crafte of peuterers, vpon paine to lose the privilege and benefit of an english man. And if in case

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any of the kinges subiectes, at that time beyng dwelling in any straunge countrey or region, and there occupieng the said craft of peuterers, did not repaire into this realme within thre monethes next after request and warning to him to be geuen by writing sealed with the comon seale of the wardens of the said craft within the said cite of London, & here in this realme continually from thens forth dwell and inhabite, that than & from hensforth he should be reputed and taken as no englishman, but should stande and be from hensforth out of the kinges protection: and it was than further enacted, that whete sundrie euill disposed persons, which commonly were called haukers, by auctoritie of the kinges letters patentes or placardes, did not onely go about from place to place within this realme, bring bring & selling of brasse & peuter, & by colour and pretence of the same licences or placardes, did not onely vse vnlesfull and disceivable weightes and beames, but also did vse to sell both brasse and peuter, whiche was not good, nor truly or lawfully mixt or wrought, to the great deceit of his kinges true liege people, contrarie to the forme and effecte of a good and laudable act and statute, made in the fourth yere of the kinges saide most noble reigne, that al such licences and placardes afoze that time had made or graunted to any such person or persons, contrarie to the true meaning forme & effecte of the saide estatute, should be from thensforth by the auctoritie of the said parliament clerely void and of noneffect. And where as in the saide acte of parliament, concerning the said crafte of peuterers and brasiers, made in the said fourth yere, for diuers causes and consideracions in the same act contained amongst other thinges it was expessed that no person nor persons, bring the said crafte of peuterers or brasiers, should from hensforth sell or chaunge any peuter or brasse new or olde, at any place or places within this realme, but onely in open saires or markets, or in their owne dwelling houses, but if thei were defected by the biers of such wares, upon paine of forfaiture for every such defaute. xli. And so than the same forfaiture was to the onely vse of the kinges highnes, & the partie serching or finding the same, was not intituled to haue any benefit therby: it was not known, that any person or persons had taken any peines, to enserche or make any inquerie therof, by reason wherof diuers and many euill disposed persons, than bring bring and sellinge as well of brasse as peuter, and not regarding the said good acte, nor the said penaltie, wente daily aboute from billage to billage, towne to towne, and from house to house, to sel such peuter and brasse, which was not good, and also vles disceivable weightes & beames, as thei did befoze the making of the saide acte, to the greute hurt & deceit of the kinges true liege people and subiectes. Wherfoze it was enacted by the auctoritie of the said parliament, that as well the moitie of the said forfaiture of xli. limited in the saide statute, made in the saide fourth yere, as also the moitie of all other forfaitures and penalties, expessed and specified in the said actes, and every of them, shuld be to the vse of the kinges highnes, his heires and successors, and the other moitie of the same forfaitures

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faillures and penalties and euerie of them, to the vse of him or them that wolde, seile, finde or present the same for faillures or any of the, or that wold sue for the same in any competent court or court within this realme, by action of dette, bill, plaint or informacion, wherein the defendant should in no wise be admitted to wage his law, or any protectiō or esloine to any person or persons, which should be impeched to haue offended contrarie to the forme and effect of this estatute, should be allowable, as in the said act more plainlie appereth, which acte was appointed to endure only to the ende of the next parliament than next folowing: and which acte was after renewed in the parliament holden at westm, in the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne lord, to endure until the ende of the next parliament than next folowing: and which acte was also renewed at the parliament holden at westm, in the .xxxi. and .xxxii. yeres of our said soueraigne lordes reigne to endure until the last day of the next parliament than next ensuing.

Præsen therfore in this present parliament our said soueraigne lordes true and obedient subiectes, the peunterers of this his said realme, and other the true comons of the same, because the same act is beneficiall & necessary for the common welch of this realme: that it may be enacted by the kinge our saide soueraigne lord, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, for as much as the same act, & euery thing therein contained, is good & beneficiall to the common welch of this realme; that all & euery the said actes and statutes, and all & euery article sentence and clause comprised in the same, may from henceforth stande and abide in as full strengthe and effecte for euer: more from henceforth to endure, according to the purport tenour and effect of the same acte and actes, as though the said articles sentences & clauses, were specially limited recited or declared in this present act. And that no person ne persons from henceforth bie or take by exchange, or otherwise take in, to or within this realme, to the intent to sell anye suche thinges or wares aboue reherled, made or to be made out of this realme, upon paine of like forfaillures and penalties, as are & were expessed in the said seuerall actes, the same penalties and forfaillures to be leuied as is afore expessed.

¶ And that it may be further enacted by auctoritie afore said, that if any person or persons do vnlawfully withstand interrupt disturbe or let the maister and wardens, or their deputies of the said craft of peunterers for the time being, or the head officer or gouernour, head officers or gouernours of cities townes and boroughes within this realme, wherein no suche maister and wardens are or shalbe, or any of them in serchinge sealing and takyng into their handes and possessions suche wares as shall happen to be bought or brought into this realme contrarie to the purport & effect of the saide estatute, made in the said .xxv. yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne lord, that than euery such person and persons so offending, in lettynge disturbinge or withstanding the said seisure or taking of such wares, as is afore said, shall lose and forfait for euery time so doing the summe of .v. poundes sterlinges, the

The one halfe wherof, shalbe to the kinges vse, and thother halfe to him or them, that will or shall sue for the same, by action of det, writ, bill, plaint, or informacion in any the kinges courtes of recorde. In which action or suite no protection, priuilege nor wager of lawe shall be allowed nor admitted.

An acte concerning keeping of great hozles. Cap. b.



Where in the parliament begunne and holden at Westm the xxviii. day of Aprill in the .xxxi. yere of the reigne of our most dreadde soueraigne lord, and from that day continued and proroged by diuers prorogacions to the .xi. day of May in the .xxxii. yere of the reigne of our saide most dread soueraigne lord, and then finished and ended, it was ordeined and enacted in the session of the said parliament, holden in the saide .xxxii. yere of the king, amonges other thinges, that the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, hauing parkes, should kepe mares, and finde staulandes for breed & encrease of hozles for defence of this realme, after such rate and fashon, as by the saide acte is more plainly expressed. Suthen the making wherof there is begun a good nuber of breede of hozles, which by continuance is like in shorte time much to encrease for the sure defence of this realme, if prouision were made for the keeping and sustentacion of such hozles within this realme, and in other the kinges dominions, after they be bred and come to age to do seruice. And for as much as hozles hable for the warres be conuenient & necessary to be kept & mainteined by the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, hauing any dignitie estate posseliōs or other great substance for the maintenāce of the same: it may therfore please the kinges most roiall maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assēbled, to ordein and enacte by auctorite of the same, that euery Archbisshop and Duke of this realme, from and after the feast of saint Michael the archangel, which shalbe in the yere of our lord God. M. D. xliii. shall haue finde and kepe susteine and mainteine of their owne propre hozles, and at their proper costes and expenses, seuen stoned trotting hozles for the saddle, eueri hozle of the same to be in age thre yeres and vppwarde, in height. xiiii. handfulls, reconing & accompting to euerie handfull foure inches of the standerde, to be measured from the nether parte of the heare of the hough, vnto the vpper parte of the withers, that is to say, the vpper part of the shoulders: vpon paine that euery archbisshop and Duke, lacking the number of the said hozles to the aboue limited, after the said feast by the space of thre monethes, shal lose and forsaite for euerie hozle so lacking, as often as they or any of them shal so lacke them by the said space of thre monethes. xx. li. the one moitie therof to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other moitie to such as will sue for the same by bille, plainte, originall writ or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, in which suites the defendantes shal not wage their

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their law, nor any protection or esoine shall be admitted or allowed. And that every Marques and Erle of this realme, and also every bishop of this realme, the yerely value of whose bishopricke is of the yerely value of a thousande ponde or above, shall after the feast of sainte Michaell the archangell, haue finde, kepe, susteine and mainteine of their poper hoxles, and at their proper charges and expences, five stoned trotting hoxles for the saddle, of the age and height aforesaid, vpon the paine above specified, to be lost and recouered to the vse and in such tyme as is afoze remembred. And that euerie other bishop of this realme, whose bishopricke is of the yerely value of a thousande markes or above: and euerie bicounte and baron hauing landes, tenementes, fees, annuities, or offices for terme of his life, to the clere yerely value of a thousande markes or above, vpon life paine as is aforesaid, shall after the said feast of saint Michaell, haue finde, kepe, susteine, and mainteine thze stoned trotting hoxles for the saddle, of the age and height afoze mencioned, vpon the paine above specified to be lost forsaite and recouered in maner and tyme as is aforesaid. And that euerie other bishop, bicount, and baron of this realme, not afoze mencioned, and also euery spirituall person hauing benefices or promotions to the yerely value of five hundzeth markes: And euery tempozal person, hauing landes, tenementes, offices, fees, or annuities, for terme of his life, in his owne right or his wifes, to the yerely value of sixe hundzeth markes, after the said feast of saint Michaell, shall haue, finde, kepe, susteine, and mainteine two stoned trotting hoxles for the saddle, in maner and tyme and vpon the paine afoze reherled. And that euerie other spirituall person, being vnder the degree of a bishop, hauing benefices or promotions to the clere yerely value of a hundzed poudes or aboue, and not to the yerely value of five hundzed markes: And all and euery other person tempozal, not afoze mencioned, whose wife after the feast of saint Michaell the archangell next hereafter mencioned in this acte, shall weare any gowne of sylke, or whose wife shall weare any frenche hood or bonet of beluet, with anie habillment paste or edge of golde, perle or stone, or any chain of gold about their neckes, or in their partlettes, or in anie apparell of their bodie shall after the feast of saint Michaell the archangell, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god a thousande five hundzed fortie and five, haue, finde, kepe, susteine and mainteine, as is aforesaid one stoned trottinge hoxle for the saddle, vpon the paine that euerie such spirituall person, vnder the degree of a bishop, hauing landes, tenementes, benefices or promotions to the yerely value of a hundzed poudes & not to the yerely value of five hundzed markes as is aforesaid: and euerie other tempozal personne, whose wife after the said feast of sainte Michaell, shall weare anie gowne of silke, or whose wife shall weare any frenche hood, or bonet of beluet, with any habillment paste or edge of golde, perle, or stone, or any chaine of goulde about their neckes, or in their partlettes, or in any apparell of theyr bodie, shall lose and forsaite for euery tyme that any of them shall wante or lacke
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by the space of thre monethes, one trottinge stooned horse, of the heighte and age aforesaide, tenne pounde, the one moitie therof to the kinge, and the other to such as will sew for the same, in suche fourme as is afoze mentioned.

And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the Justices of assises, & Justices of peace shall haue power and auctoritie within the limites of their auctoritie, to here and determine the defaultes done contrary to this acte as well by presentment as informacion, and to make such processe bypon anie presentment and informacion afoze them, as in any other cases of trespasses and contemptes done against the fourme of anie estatutes, and shall set no lesse fine nor peine bypon such persons as shall be conuicte by confession or triall for offending this acte, than is aboue limited.

And for the better obseruacion of this acte: Be it further ordeined by auctoritie aforesaide, that euerie Shyriffe in any shire of this realme shall do his diligence and good endeour, to serche and know by vertue of his office, all defaultes done or committed by anie person or persons, in lackinge of horses contrarie to this acte, as shall happen within the shire where he is Shireffe, and shall ones in the yere, that is to saie in the terme of sainte Michaell, certifie the saide defaultes, if any be, into the kinges Eschequer, by writing vnder his seale, to the intente that processe may be made against the offendours accordingly. And that euerie suche certificates of the Shiref, shall be of as good force and effecte against the offendours of this acte, as any informacion therof in the saide Eschequer. And in case anie shall be conuicte bypon anie suche certificates by confession or triall, accordinge to the course of the lawe, than the Shyriffe makinge suche certificates, shall haue one moitie of the forfaiture, and the kinges maiestie the other moitie therof.

Provided alwaies, that no person shall be impeched, molested, or troubled for anie offence done contrarie to this acte by bill, action, informacion, presentment or certificates of the Shireffe, onles that such bill, action, informacion, presentment or certificates be made or had within one yere next after the offence done contrarie to this acte, any thing in this acte to the contrary herof notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies that this acte nor any thinge therein contained shall extende to any sonnes and heires apparaunt of any Duke, Marques, erle, bicount, or baron, nor to the sonnes or heires apparant of any other persō, hauing landes, tenementes or hereditamentes to the yereiy value of sixe hundred markes or aboue, to binde or compell any suche heires apparant, to finde or kepe anie horses by vertue of this acte in the life of their fathers except such sonnes and heires apparant haue landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, or offices, to the yereiy value of fife hundred markes, but that euerie suche sonnes and heires apparaunt, except befoze except, may do as they did or mought doo afoze the making of this acte, any thinge in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

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Provided alwaies that if any suche sonne and heyre haue lands tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or annuities for terme or lyfe in his owne righte, or in the right of his wife, to the cleere perely value of fyue hundred markes, that then such sonnes and heires hauinge such landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or annuities, to the cleere perely value of fyue hundred markes, as is aforesaide, shall finde kepe susteine and maintrine one trottinge horse for the saddle in fourme aforesaid, vpon the peine of xx. li. to be lost and forfait for euery thre monethes that anie suche sonne & heire shall lacke and want a trottyng stoned horse, as is aforesaide.

And be it provided and enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if the wife of any person or persons weare any beluet in the kynge or other parte of hir gowne, other then in the cusses or purples of suche gowne, or els weare anie beluet in hir kytell, or weare anie peticote of sylke, that then the husband of euery suche wife shall finde one stoned horse of the statute aboue in this act recited, or shall incurre the aboue saide penaltie and forfeiture of .x. poundes, to be lenied and recovered as is aforesaid declared.

Provided also that this act or any thing therein contained shal not extēd to charge any person or persons whose wife or wyues, shal weare any of the apparaille or thinges aboue reherced, during the time such wife or wyues shall be deuorced from hir or their husbands, or husbands, or shall willingly absent hir selfe from hir saide husbande, and duringe such absence shal weare anie of the apparaille or other thinges aforesayd.

Provided alwaies that heyres within age, beyng wardes, whose lands tenementes and hereditaments amounte to the perely value of .cc. li. shall not be compelled by auctorite of this acte, tyll they come to their full age to kepe anie horses, althoughe the wyues of such heires within age weare any gowne of silke, or anie french hood or bonet of beluet, with any habiliment past or edge of gold perle or stone, or anie chaine of gold about their neckes or in their partlets, or in any apparail of their body, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also that if al or anie the horses kept by vertue of this acte, shal happē to be kylled maimed or lost in the seruike of the kinges warres, that then in euery such case the owners of such horse or horses, so killed maimed perished or lost in the warres, shall haue libertie by the space of two yerres nexte after suche chaunce of kyllinge mayming perishinge or losyng their horses to provide other horses in the stede and place of the horses so killed maimed perished or losse in the warres, without any danger losse or penaltie of this act, any thing in this act to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Provided also, that carte horses or sumpter horses shal not be taken reputed or reckened for any suche horses, which any person is or shalbe bounde to kepe by vertue of this acte.

An acte concerning crossebowes and handgunnes. Cap. vi.



Where in the parliament holden at Westminster, the .xv. day of Januarie, in the .xxv. yere of the kinges most gracious reigne, and there continued and kept vntill the .xxx. daye of March then next ensuinge, among diuers and sundry hol- some and laudable actes statutes and ordinaunces, one sta- tute and ordinaunce was made and ordeyned for the auoi- dyng and elchewing of shooting in Crossebowes and handgunnes: Syns the makinge of whiche acte diuers malicious and euil disposed persons, not onely pzemusinge wilfully and obstinately the violacion and breach of the said acte, but also of their malicious and euil disposed mindes & purposes, haue wilfully and shamefulli committed perpetrated and done diuerse dete- stable and shamfull murders, robberies, felonies, riottes and routes with crossebowes, litil short handgunnes, and litte hagbuttes, to the great peril and continuall feare and danger of the kinges most louyng subiectes, and also diuers keepers of forestes chales and parkes, as well of our sayde soue- rayne lord, as other his nobles and commons, and diuers gentieman po- men and seruinge men now of late haue layde aparte the good & laudable exercise of the long bowe, which alway hertofore hath ben the surety saue- garde and continuall defence of this realme of Englande, and an inestima- ble dread and terrour to the ennemies of the same. And now of late the said euill disposed persons haue bled and yet do dayly ble to ryte and go in the kinges high waies and els where, hauing with them crossebowes and lit- tel handgunnes ready furnished with quarelles gunpouder, fyre, & touche, to the great peril and feare of the kinges moste louinge subiectes. For refoz- macion wherof be it enacted ordeined and established by the king our soue- raine lord, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the comons in this pre- sent parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, in maner and forme folowing, That is to say, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree he or thei be, except he or thei in their owne right, or in the right of his or their wiues, to his or their owne bles, or any other to the vse of any such person or persons, haue landes tenementes fees annuities or offices to the perely valu of one hundzeth poundes, from or after the last day of June next comynge, shall shote in anie crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, or ble or kepe in his or their houses or els where, any crossebow hand- gunne, hagbut or demy hake, otherwise or in any other maner, tha is here- after in this present acte declared, vpon paine to forfait for euery time that he or they so offende contrary to this acte. x. li.

And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persos, of what estate or degre so euer he or thei be, from or after the said last day of iune, shall shote in, cary kepe ble or haue in his house or els where any handgunne, other than suche as shall be in the stocke and gunne of the length of one hole yarde, or any hagbut or demy hake, other than suche as shall be in the stocke & gun of the length of thre quarters of one yarde, vpon paine to forfait for euery time that he or they shall shote in cary ble or haue

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any suche gunne, beinge not of the iength of one hole yarde, or hagbutte or demy hake, being not of the length of thre quarters of a yarde .x. li. sterling And that it shall be lafull to every pcrson and persons, which haue landes tenementes, fees, annuities or offices, to the yerely value of one hundred poundes, as is aforesaid, to seale and take every suche crossebowe, and also every handgunne beinge in stocke & gunne shorter in length than one hole yarde, and every hagbutte and demy hake, being shorter in length than thre quarters of a yarde, or any of them, from the keeping or possession of every such offender contrary to the forme of this acte, and the same crossebowe or crossebowes to kepe and retaine to his or their owne vse. And also the same handgūnes hagbutes & demy hakes, so seised and taken, within .xx. daies nexte after the same seisure or takinge, to breake and destroy, vpon peine of .xl. s. for every gun so seised and not broken and destroyed, and the same so broken and destroyed, to kepe and reteine to his or their owne vse.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no pson or persons, other than such as haue lādes tenemētes vntes fees annuities or offices, to the yerely value of one hundred poundes, as is aforesaid, fro or after the said last date of June, shal carry or haue in his or their tourney, going or riding in the kinges high waies, or els where, any crossebowe bent, or gun charged or furnished with powder fire or touch for the same, except it be in time & seruice of warre, vpon peine to forfait for every such offence .x. li. this present act, or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons from the said last date of June, shall in any wise shote in or with any handgunne demy hake or hagbut at any thing at large, within any citie borough or market towne, nor within one quarter of a mile of any citie borough or market towne, excepte it be at a butte or banke of erth in place convenient, or for the defence of his person or house, vpon peine to forfait for every such shote. .x. li. this present act, or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, shal from or after the said last day of June, commaunde any of his or their seruantes to shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, of his or their said masters, or of any other persons, to any deere foule or other thinge, except it be onely at a butte or banke of erthe, or in the time of warre, as is aboue sayde, vpon peine to forfait for every such offence. .x. li. The one moitie of al which forfeitures and penalties in this present act aboue specified, shall be to the kynge our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours, and the other moitie thereof to the partie that will sue for the same, by bille plainte action of dette or informacion in any of the kinges courtes of recoꝝde, in whiche suite no essoin pꝛotectiō nor wager of lawe shall be allowed.

¶ Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall be lafull from hensforth to all gentyll men yomen and seruyng

men of every lord or lordes spirituall or temporall, and of all knightes esquires and gentlemen, and to all the inhabitants of cities boroughes & market townes of this realme of Englande, to shote with any handgunne demy hake or hagbutte at any butte or banke of erth, onely in place convenient for the same, so that every such handgunne demy hake and hagbutte be of the severall lengthes aforesaid, and not under, And that it shalbe lawfull to every of the said lord and lordes knightes esquires and gentlemen, and the inhabitants of every cite borough & market towne, to have & kepe in every of their houses any such handgun or handgunnes of the length of one hole yarde, or any hagbut or demy hake of the length of three quarters of a yarde, as is aforesaid, and not under, to the intent to vse & shote in the same at a butte or banke of erth only as is abovesaide, wherby they and every of them by the exercise therof in forme abovesaide, may the better ayde and assist to the defence of this realme, whan nebe shall require, this present act or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to every person and persones, which dwelleth and inhabiteth in any house standinge and beinge set distant two furlonges from any cite borough or towne, to kepe and have in his said house, for the onely defence of the same, handgunnes hagbuttes & demi hakes, being of the severall lengthes aforesaid, and not under, and to vse and exercise to shote in the same at any butte or banke of erth nere to his house, & not otherwise: any thing contained in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further more the kinges most loving subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly do beseeche the kings maiestie, that it be further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that all letters patentes fraternities and also al other placardes licenses & byll assigned heretofore had made or signed by his highnes or by any other auctozised by his highnes letters patentes under his great seale, to geue licence and placarde to shote in crossebowes and handgunnes or any of them shalbe from and after the said laste daye of June, frustrate void and of none effect.

And also that it maie be further enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the said statute, made in the said. xxv. yere of the kinges most gracious reigne, and al other statutes heretofore made and provided for the auoyding and restraint of shoting in crossebowes and handgunnes or for any of them, or for the using and keeping of the same, be from henceforth utterly void and of none effecte.

Provided alwaies, that every procelle suite or informacion commenced or now dependinge, for any offence done contrary to the fourme of the said statute, made in the said. xxv. yere of the kinges most noble reigne or of any other statute, made provided for and concerning the shotinge in crossebowes and handgunnes not repelled, and for the keeping of the same, shalbe as good and effectual to the parties that have comenced the same, & shal

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shall stande and be in such fourme effect degree and condicion, as if this act had neuer be made.

Prouided also, that this act or any thing therein contained, be not in any wise hurtful or pzeiudicial to any persō or persons, now being, or that here after shall be appointed by the kinges highnes, to kepe receiue or take any crossebowes or handgunnes, that shall be forfaited or taken within the pzeincte or libertie of the kinges forrestes parkes or chales, but that he or they may lawfully kepe and reteine the same crossebowes or handgunnes from time to time, vntill suche time as the further pleasure of the kinges highnes in that behalfe be to euery such person shewed and declared.

Prouided also that this acte extend not to the makers of crossebowes or handgunnes, but that they may lawfully kepe crossebowes & handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes in their houses, and shote in the same, only to pzoouing and assaying of them at a butte or banke of erthe in the place conuenient, and not otherwise: so that the said handgunnes hagbuttes & demy hakes be of the leuerall leugth in stocke and gunne, as is aboue limited.

Prouided also, that this acte nor any thinge therein contained, extende not, or be pzeiudiciall to any marchantes, which haue or shall haue any crossebowes handgunnes hagbuttes and demy habes, or any of them, to sel with in this realme, and to none other vble: so that the same handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes be of the leuerall length in gunne & stocke as is aboue lyimited, and not vnder.

Prouided also, that no maner of persone runne in any daunger or take hurt by reason of any penaltie or forfaiture contained in this act, vntil such time as proclamaciō be made of the same act, within the county, where the partie, that shall or may offend contrary to this act, dwelleth, by the space of xx. daies nexte after the makinge of the said proclamation.

Prouided also, that if any maner of person bring or cause to be brought with him into his lodging, or in or to any other mans house, any crossebowe or handgunne, that than the penaltie and forfaiture, if any such be or hereafter shall be forfaited by reason of this acte, to runne and be onely vppon the bringer of the saide crossebowe and handgunne, and not to the owner of the same lodging or house, if the said owner of the said lodging or house cause the bringer thereof to take and to cary away the saide crossebowe or handgunne againe with him at his departing: Any thing in this act made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, from or after the last daie of June next comming, see or find any person or persons offending or doing contrary to the forme and effecte of this acte, that than it shall be leful to euery such person or persones, perceiuinge, findinge, or leing any such person or persones so offending contrary to the forme of this act, to arreste and attache euery suche offender or offenders, and to bring or conuey the same to the next iustice of the peace of the same countie, where the saide offender, or offenders shall be found so of-

fendinge. And that the same Justice of peace, vpon a due examination and proffe therof before him had or made by his discreasid, shal haue ful power & auctoritie to sende or comitte the same offender or offenders to the nexte taylor, there to remaine tyl such time as the said penaltie or forfaiture shalbe truly contented and payd, by the said offender: The one moitie of the same penaltie to be paid to the kinges highnes, & the other moitie therof to the first bringer or conueyer of the said offender to the same iustice of peace.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if anye person or persons do at any time hereafter obtaine get or purchase of the kinges maiestie, his heires or successours, anye placarde licence or bil assigned, to shote in anye crossebowe handgunne hagbutte or demy hake, contrary to the tenor purport and effect of this present act: that then there shalbe contained in euery such placard licence and bil assigned, at what beastes foules or other thinges the said person or persons so obtaininge anie suche placarde licence or byll assigned, shal shote at with anie crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, or els that euerye suche placarde licence and byll assigned hereafter to be obtained gotten or purchased, shalbe clerely voyde frustrate, and of none effecte. And also that euerye suche person or persons so obteyninge anie suche placarde licence or bill assigned, before thei shote in anie such crossebowe handgunne hagbutte or demy hake in any such maner or fountaine as shalbe mencioned in any such placard licence or bill assigned, shalbe bounden in the kinges court of Chancery by recognisance in the summe of .xx.li. to the kinges ble, with and vpon condicion, that he so obtaininge or hauinge the said licence placard or bill assigned shal not shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, at any other beastes or foules, than in anie such placard licence or bill assigned shal be contained and specified, and els all suche placard licences & billes assigned so hereafter to be made to anie person or persons, not being so bounden by recognisance in the court of the Chancerie, as is aforesaid, to be vtterlye voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lafull to all iustices of the peace in their sessions, & to all stewardes and bailiffes in their seuerall letes and lawdayes, to enquire here and determine euery such offence, after the said last daie of June, to be committed & done contrary to the tenour of this present act: so that alwaies no lesse fine than ten pounds be assessed vpon euery such presentment and conuiction, made according to the due course of the lawe, the same fine so by the same iustices of peace vpon euery such presentment & conuiction made before thei in their sessions, to be payd and leuied onely to the kinges ble: and the one moitie of euery fyne to be assessed by the stewardes or bayliffes of any lete or lawday, vpon euery presentment and conuiction before them to be made, to be payde and leuied to the ble of the king our soueraigne lord. And the other moitie the one halfe to the owner of the said lete or lawday by distrelle or action of det, and the other halfe of the same seconde moitie of the same fine, to be to the partie that will pursue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes, by byll, plainte

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plaint informacion or action of dette, in the whiche none esloin protection nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted, that if any Jurie being sworn and charged to enquire for the king our soueraigne lord, before any iustices of the peace, or stewardestes of letes or lawdayes, of any offences committed or done contrarie to this present acte, do wilfullie concele any of the same offences, that than the said Justices, stewardestes or bailiffes, before whome any concelement shalbe had & done, shall haue auctoritie by vertu of this present act fro time to time to charge and sweare an other Jurie of. xii. or mo good and substantial honest persons, to enquire of euery such concelement. And if any such concelement be founde and presented by the saide Jurie so charged to enquire of the same, that than euery one of the saide first Jurie, that so did concele the same, shall lese and forfeite for euery such concelement of euery such offence. xx. s. All whiche forfeitures and penalties of. xx. s. for euery such concelement of euery such offence so founde and presented before the same Justices of peace, shall wholly beleued and payde to the kinges ble.

And the moitie of all the same forfeitures and penalties of. xx. s. so founde and presented before the stewart or bailiffes of any lete or lawday, shalbe leued and paid to the ble of the oboner of the said lete or lawday by distresse or action of dette: and the other moitie therof to be to the partie or parties, that will sue for the same by action, informacion, bill or plaint in any of the kinges courtes, in the which actions, informacions, billes, or plaintes, no wager of lawe esloin nor protection shalbe allowed.

Provided alwaies, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons hereafter in any part do offende or do contrary to the puruew and remedie of this act, wherbyon cause of action for the same offence shalbe giuen to the king his heires or successours, or to any other person or persones that will sue by vertue of this acte for the punishment of the said offence or forfeitures, that if the king our soueraigne lord, his heires or successours, within one yere next and immediatly after such offences and forfeitures had and made, do not pursue their action or actions, so giuen by this acte, or cause examinacion vpon such defaultes and offences to be had and made, before their counsaile, or other presentmentes therof to be had, according to the meaning of the same acte: And euery other person, which hereafter by vertue of this acte, may haue action or actions suite or informacion vpon this statute, within halfe a yere next and immediatly after such offences or forfeitures had and made, do not commence their suites informacion, actions or presentmentes of and vpon the saide forfeitures by action or otherwise, as in this present acte is limited and declared: that than also all the kinge our soueraigne lord his heires and successours, after one yere next after such offences and forfeitures hadde and made, if no suite in his or their name be take by actiō or otherwise, as is before expressed, before the same yere ended and determined, as euery other person after half a yere next after like offences and forfeitures had & done in the fourme aforesaid.

aforesaide, if no suite therupon be taken by none of them, in fourme aboue declared, be utterly excluded and debarred of their said suites, actions, informacions and examinacions to them giuen by vertue of this said acte: and the parties and euerie of them so offending, shall be of all such offences and forfaites clerely discharged and quite: any thing in this acte compyled to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this present acte, ne any thing therein contained, shall in any wise extende or be prejudiciall vnto the kinges subiectes resident or inhabiting nere vnto the costes of the sea in any parte of this realme, their houses beinge not aboue fiue miles distant fro the same costes: Nor also to any of the kinges laide subiectes, inhabiting within .xii. miles of the borders of Scotlande: Nor to any the kinges subiectes inhabitantes of the towne and marches of Calce, nor to any of the inhabitantes of the isles of Bersey, Bernesey, Anglesey, and the isles of Wight and Man, but that it shall be lawfull for euerie of the said inhabitautes at all times hereafter, to haue, exercise, and vse their handgounnes, hagbuttes, and demie hakes, of the lengthes abouesaid, within the limittes and Isles abouesaid, so that it be at no maner of deere, heaton, shouelarde, felaunte, patriche, wilde swanne, or wilde elke, or anie of them, this present acte or any thing therein contained to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided also that this acte ne any thinge therein contained, be in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall to any seruaunt or person, that hereafter from the saide last day of June, shall bende, beare, carie, charge, vse, or assaie, anie crossebowe or any handgun, demie hake or hagbutte, of the lengthes abouesaid, by the commaundement of his lord or maister, so that the said seruaunt or person, do not shote at anie foule, deere, or other game: of what kinde or nature so euer thei be of: nor also to anie suche seruaunt, person, or persons, that shall after the saide last day of June, beare or conuey any crossebowe, handgunne, hagbutte, or demie hake, of the lengthes aforesaid, to anie place or places by the commaundement of his lord or maister, that may shote by auctoritie of this acte, to be amended, repaired, deliuered, or assaied, so that the saide seruaunt or other personne, so bringinge or conueying the saide crossebowe, handgounne, hagbutte or demie hake, haue redie to shewe to every personne, requiringe the sight therof, one licence in writing sealed or subscribed by his saide lord or maister, to carie and conuey the same crossebowe, handgunne, hagbutte or demie hake, to the entente to be amended, repaired, assaied or deliuered, as is aforesaid.

Provided alwaies, that this acte, or anie thinge therein contained, shall not extende to anie owner of anie shippe, for hauinge or keeping of anie handegunne, hagbutte, or demie hake, of the seuerall lengthes in this acte expessed, or vnder, only to be had and occupied within any their ship or other vessel, or for the cariage & recariage of them or any of the on land

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or keeping of them, for the onely exercise and occupying of them within their saide shippe or vessell: Any thinge in this acte to the contrarie in any wise not withstanding.

**An acte concerning the conueiuaunce of brasse, laton,
and bell metall ouer the sea. Cap. vii.**



Here in the parliament holden at westm, the thirde day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord the king that now is, amongst other thinges it was enacted, that no person or persons should from thens forth carie or conuey anie brasse, copper, laton, bell metall, gun metall, ne shroffe metal into anie parte or partes beyonde the sea, vpon paine of forfaiture of the saide mettall, as by the saide acte moze plaineile appereth. Sithe the making of which estatute diuers persons, as well Englishemen as straungers, haue by disceite fully obtained licences of the kinges highnes, to carie ouer bel metall, and other broken metall, surmising the same metals not to be mete for making of gunnes, & other engins of warre, nor for implemtes necessarie for houlhold, which surmise is proued vntrew, as the common experience therof dayly declarereth: So that all other realmes and countries be full of artillarie and municions, and this realme like to lacke, if moze hastie remedie to stoppe the conueiuaunce of the same be not further prouided then is in the same act. Wherfore may it please the kinges highnes, and the lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same to enacte, that no person nor persons from hence forth shall carie or conuey by water or otherwise, any brasse, copper, laton, bel metall, pan metall, gunne metall, nor shroffe metall, whether it be cleane or mixed (tin and leade onely excepted) into any part beyonde the sea, or into anie outwarde realme or dominion what so euer it be, vpon paine to forfaiture the double value of the same mettall so caried and conueied, the one halfe therof to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the other to the partie that will sue for the same by writt byll, plaint, or informacion, in the which no esloine or protection shalbe allowed.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, for the true meaning of this estatute, that the arriuall discharge and deliuerie of the saide mettalles in any parties beyonde the sea, or in anie other forren realme or dominion, shalbe tried and determined within this realme, in such countie or place where the said mettall or mettalles were shipped or first caried, with like proces and determinacion as al other informacions or action to be tried and adiudged within this realme, or as the same fact had ben done within this realme and dominion.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that no person nor persons at anie time hereafter, shall shippe or carie any of the said mettalles

talles afore reherſed, to cary oꝝ diſcharge the ſame in any parte of this realme, oneleſſe ſuch perſon oꝝ perſons befoze the ſhippinge therof do declare and manifelt vnto the cuſtomer of ſuch pozte oꝝ cricke, where the ſame mettall ſhalbe ſhipped, the true weight of all ſuch mettall as ſhall be ſhipped, & alſo ſhall make a ſufficient obligation in the lawe, in the whiche he ſhalbe bounden to the ſaide cuſtomer to the kinges uſe, in ſuche ſumme as ſhall amounte to the double value of the ſaide mettall ſo declared and manifelted, with condicion, that the ſame ſhalbe diſcharged at ſome pozte oꝝ cricke with in this realme, and in no other place, vpon paine to foꝛfaite the ſame, in maner and ſourme aboue reherſed. And that euery ſuche perſon oꝝ perſons that ſhall ſhippe ſuche mettalles, and be and ſhall be bounden as is aforeſaid ſhall within eight monethes next after the ſhipping therof, bzing a true certificate from the cuſtomer of the pozte, cricke oꝝ place, where he oꝝ they ſhall happen to diſcharge the ſame mettall, teſtifienge that the ſame mettall ſo ſhipped, and the true weight therof, is there diſcharged: which certificate the cuſtomer of ſuche place, where the ſaide mettall ſhall be diſcharged, ſhall vpon the diſcharge therof, make and deliuer to the partie ſo diſcharging, oꝝ to his factour without any delay.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any cuſtomer oꝝ his deputie, by couin oꝝ by any other vndue meane, do make any falſe, oꝝ vnttrue certificat concerning the ſaid diſcharging of ſuch mettall, contrarie to the trewe meaning of this acte, that then ſuch cuſtomer, ſo falſely oꝝ vntruely certifienge, as is aforeſaide, ſhall loſe his office, and alſo the value of the goodes ſo conceled out of the ſaid certificate.

¶ Prouided alway that if the ſaid mettall by tempeſt of wether be dꝛobned, oꝝ by enemies oꝝ pirates robbed and ſpoiled, and that ſufficiently pꝛoued without fraude oꝝ conin befoze the cuſtomer and comptroller, oꝝ their ſufficient deputies, in the pozte where the partie oꝝ parties ſo ſhipped the mettalles aforeſaide oꝝ any of them, by the ſaide partie oꝝ parties oꝝ their executours, that then he oꝝ they ſo bzinginge ſuche ſufficient pꝛouſe, ſhall haue his obligation to him deliuered, oꝝ els he and his executours therof to be acquitted and clerely diſcharged, any thing in this acte to the contrary contained not withſtanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctozitie aforeſaid, that this act ſhall only take his effect and be put in execucion from and after the firſt day of Aprill next comming.

¶ An act againſt coniurations, witchcraftes, ſozcerie, and enchauntmentes. Cap. viii.



Where diuers and ſondꝛie perſons vnlawfully haue deuised and pꝛactiſed inuocations and coniurations of ſpirites, pꝛetendinge by ſuche meanes to vnderſtande and gette knowledge foꝛ their owne lucre, in what place treaſure of golde and ſiluer ſhould oꝝ mought be founde oꝝ hadde in the earthes

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at the or other secreete places, and also haue vsed and occupied witchcraftes
 inchauntementes and sorceries; to the destruction of their neighbours per
 sons and goodes: And for execution of their said false deuises and practises
 haue made or caused to be made diuers images & pictures of men, women
 children, angels, or diuels, beastes or foules, and also haue made crownes
 scepters, swordes, ringes, glasses, and other thinges: And giuing faythe
 and credit to such fantasticall practises, haue digged vp and pulled downe
 an infinite number of crosses within this realme, and taken vpon them to
 declare and tel where things lost or stolen shuld be become, which thinges
 can not be vsed and exercised, but to the great offence of goddes laboe, hurte
 and damage of the kinges subiectes, and losse of the soules of suche offen
 dours to the great dishonour of God, infant and disquietnes of the realme.
 For reformation wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord,
 with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in
 this present parliamēt assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that if anie
 person or person, after the first day of May next coming, by deuile practise
 or exercise, or cause to be vsed, deuiled, practised or exercised any inuocaci
 ons or coniurations of spirites, witchcraftes, enchauntementes, or sorce
 ries, to thintente to get or finde money or treasure, or to waste, consume or
 destroy any person in his body, members or goodes, or to prouoke any per
 son to vnlawfull loue, or for any other vnlawfull entent or purpose, or by oc
 casion or colour of such thinges, or anie of them, or for despite of Christe, or
 for lucre of money, dig vp or pull downe any crosse or crosses, or by such in
 uocacions or coniurations of spirites witchcraftes, enchauntementes or
 sorcerie, or any of them, take vpon them to tell or declare wher goodes stol
 len or losse shal be come: that then all and euerie such offence & offences, fro
 the said first day of May nexte comming, shalbe demed and adiudged fe
 lonie: And that all and euerie person and persons offendinge as is aboue
 said, their counsaillours abbettours and procurers and euerie of them, fro
 the said first day of May, shalbe demed accepted and adiudged a felon &
 felones. And the offender and offenders contrarie to this acte, being therof
 lawfully conuicte befoze suche as shal haue power and auctoritie to here
 and determine felonies, shal haue and suffer such peines of death, losse and
 forfaitures of their landes, tenementes, goodes and cattales, as in cases of
 felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme, and also shal lose
 priuilege of clergie and sanctuarie.

**An act for the maintenaunce of artillarie, debarring
 vnlawfull games. Cap. ix.**



Ofte humblie complainynge shewe vnto your highnes your
 daily oratours the bowiers, fletchers, stringers and arrowes
 head makers of this your realme, that where for the aduance
 ment and maintenaunce of archery, the better to be maintained
 and

and had within the same, and for the avoiding of diuers and many vnle-
 full games and plaies, occupied and practised within this realme, to the
 great hurte and let of shooting and archery, diuers good and lawfull statu-
 tes haue ben deuised enacted & made, amongst which one was made in a
 parliament holden at Westm, in the third yere of your most gracious reigne
 and the same act made perpetual in the parliament there holden, in the vi.
 yere of your said reigne, the which good and laudable acte notwithstanding
 diuers and many subtil inuentatiue and craftie persons, intending
 to defraude the same estatutes, sithens the making therof, haue found and
 daily find many and sondrie new and craftie games & plaies, as logating
 in the fieldes, slide thurst, otherwise called shoue grote, as well within the
 citee of London as els where in many other and diuers parties of this re-
 alme, keeping houses, plaies and aleies for the maintenance therof by rea-
 son wherof archerie is sore decayed, and daily is like to be more and more
 diminished, and diuers bowiers and fletchers, for lacke of worke, gone and
 inhabit them selues in Scotland and other places out this realme, there
 working and teaching their science to the puiſſance of the same, to the great
 comforte of esttraungers, & detriment of this realme. And where also your
 graces subiectes bowiers, fletchers, and other artificers afore named, fro
 time to time resorte, repaire, and come out of all places of this your realme,
 vnto the citee of London, for lacke of liuing, and do inhabit nigh the same
 citee, or in the suburbs of the same citee, and in stretes & lanes of the same
 citee, being no free men of the same citee, nor bearing nother scot, lot, nor o-
 ther charges within your said citee, as other citizens & fre men of the same
 citee do and are bounde to do, & by their othes are swozne to do, and which
 citizens and free men of your said citee of the misteries and craftes before
 reherſed, which haue ben brought bp as pzentises from their youth, dwel-
 ling within the freedom of your said citee of London, are alwaies in rebu-
 nes to furnish your graces affaires whan they shal be commaunded: By
 reason of the whiche resorting and abode of such foreines and straungers,
 of the misteries & craftes before reherſed, in the suburbs stretes and lanes
 of the same citee, other cities, townes, villages, & places within this realm
 remaine and be unfurnished of artificers and craftes men before reherſed
 to the great decay of the archerie of this realme. And for so much as it ap-
 pereth by the preamble of the said estatute, enacted the said third yere, which
 was established and made perpetual in the foresaid. vi. yere of your moste
 gracious reigne, that your highnes, calling to your most noble & gracious
 remembraunce, that by the feare and exercise of the subiectes of this your
 realme, in shooting in longe bowes, there hath continually growen & ben
 within the same great number & multitude of good archers, whiche hath
 not onely defended this realme, and the subiectes therof, against the cruel
 malice and daunger of their outwarde enemies in time heretofore passe,
 but also with litle number and puiſſaunce, in regarde, haue done many
 notable actes and discomfitures of warre, against the infedels & other, &
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furthermore subdued and reduced diuers and many regions and countreys
 to their due obeisance, to the great honour fame and suretie of this realme
 and subiectes, and to the terrible dread and feare of al strange nations, any
 thing to attempte or do to the hurt or Damage of them or anie of them: yet
 inuener the lesse archerie, and shotynge in longe bowes, was lyttell vsed, but
 dayly did minishe decaye and abate more and more, for that muche partie
 of the comminaltie and poore people of the realme, wherby of olde time the
 great number and substance of archers hath growen and multiplied, were
 not of power or abilitie to bye them longe bowes of ewe, to exercise shoting
 in the same, and to susteine the continuall charge therof, and also by mea-
 nes and occasion of customable blage of tennys playe boules cloythe and
 other vnlawfull games, prohibite by many good and beneficiall estatutes, by
 auctoritie of parliament in that behalfe prouided and made, great impoue-
 rishment hath ensued, and many heynous murders robberies and felonies
 were committed and done, and also the deuine seruice by suche misdoers on
 holy and festiuall daies not harde or solemnised, to the high displeasure of
 almightie god, as by the foresaid preamble more plainly maye appere. It
 maye therfore be enacted by your highnes, the lordes spirituall and tempo-
 rall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the au-
 thoritie of the same, that euery man, beyng the kynges subiecte, not lame
 decrepit nor maymed, nor hauing any other lawfull or reasonable cause or
 impediment, beyng within the age of. lx. yeres (excepte spirituall men, ius-
 tices of one bench and of the other, iustices of the assise, and baronnes of
 the Exchequer) shal from the feast of Penthecost next comming vse and ex-
 ercise shotinge in long bowes, and also haue a bowe and arrowes redy con-
 tinuallie in his house, to vse him selfe and do vse him selfe in shotinge: And
 also the father gouernours and rulers of such as be of tender age, do teach
 and brynge vp them in the knowledge of the same shotynge: And that
 euery man, hauynge a man childe or men children in his house, shal pro-
 uide or beine and haue in his house, for euery man childe, beyng of the age
 of. vii. yeres and aboue, tyll he shal come to the age of. xii. yeres, a bowe
 and two shaftes, to induce and lerne them and brynge them vp in shoting,
 and shal deliuer al the same bowe & arrowes to the same yonge men, to vse
 and occupie. And if the same yonge men be seruantes, that then their mai-
 sters shal abate the money, that they shal paie for the same bowes and ar-
 rowes of their wages. And after all suche yonge men shal come to the age
 of. xii. yeres, euery of them shal prouide and haue a bowe &. iiii. arrowes
 continuallie for him selfe at his proper costes and charges, or els of the gift
 or prouision of his frendes, and vse and occupie the same in shotinge, as is
 before reherced. And if the maister suffer any of his seruantes, taking wages
 being in his household, and vnder the age of. xii. yeres, or the father suffer
 anye of his sonnes, being in household, and vnder the age of. xii. yeres,
 to lacke a bowe and two arrowes, contrary to the fourme of this estatute,
 by the space of one moneth together: then the maister or father, in whom

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such

such negligences shalbe, shal for every such defaute forfeit. vi. s. viii. d. And that every seruaunt, passinge the age of. xviij. yerres, & vnder the age of. lx. yerres, and takinge wages, whiche can or is able to shote, and shall lacke a bowe and. iiii. arrowes, by the space of one moneth together, shal for every such defaute forfeite and lose. vi. s. viii. d.

C Be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that no man, vnder the age of. xxiii. yerres, shall shote at anie standing pricke, excepte it be at a rouer, wherat he shal change at every shote his marke, vpon peine for every shote doing the contrary. iiii. d. And that no other person aboue the saide age of. xxiii. yerres, shall shote at any marke of. xi. scoze pannes or vnder, with any pricke shafte or flight, vnder the peine to forfeite for every shote. vi. s. viii. d. And that no person, vnder the age of. xviij. yerres, excepte he or his father or mother haue landes or tenementes to the yerely value of. x. li. or be worth in mouables the summe of. xl. markes sterling, shall shote in any bowe of ewe whiche shall be boughte for him after the feast of the Purification of our lady next comming, vnder the peine to lose and forfeite. vi. s. viii. d. And also that buttes be made on this syde the feast of saint Michaell the archangell next comminge in every citie towne and place by the inhabitants of every suche citie towne and place accordinge to the lawe of auncient time vsed. And that the inhabitants and dwellers in every of the be compelled to make and continue such buttes, vpon peine to forfeite for every three monethes so lacking. xx. s. And that the saide inhabitants shal exercise them selfe with longe bowes in shoting at the same, and els where, in holy daies and other times conuenient.

C And to the intent that every person maie haue bowes of meane price, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that every bowyer, dwelling out of the citie & suburbes of London, shall after the saide feast of the Purification of our lady next commyng, for every bowe that he maketh of ewe, make. iiii. other bowes mete to shote in, of elme, wyche, hasyll, ashe, or other wood apt for the same, vnder the peine to lose and forfeite for every such bowe so lacking. iii. s. iiii. d. And every bowyer, dwelling within the saide citie or suburbes of London, shall after the saide feast of the Purification of our lady next comminge, for every bowe of ewe that he shall make shall also make two other bowes apte for shotinge, of ashe elme wyche hasyll or other wood mete for the same, vnder like peine and forfeiture.

C And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no bowyer shall sell any bowe of ewe, for anie person, beyng betwene the age of. viij. yerres and. xiiii. yerres, aboue the price of. xii. d. And that the same bowyers shall haue bowes of ewe of all prices from. vi. d. the piece, to. xii. d. the piece, for yowthe betwene the saide ages of. viij. yerres and. xiiii. yerres. And likewise haue bowes of ewe for yowthe betwene the age. xiiii. yerres and. xxi. yerres, and shall sell the same at reasonable prices. And more ouer that no bowyer shall sell or put to sale to any the kinges subiectes, any bowe of ewe of the type called elke, aboue the price of. iii. s. iiii. d. vnder the peine to forfeite

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xx.s. for euery bowe sold to the contrary, aboue the said price of.iii.s.iiii.d. as appereth by a statute made in the.xxi.yere of the reign of king Edward the.iii.the fourth chapter. And that al bowe staues of ewe hereafter to be brought into this realme shall be solde open and not in bundelles nor close, to the intente the byers of them may haue perfecte knowledge of the goodnes of them, and geue the better price for them, if they be so worthe.

And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that fletchers of London, and the suburbs of the same, may at their libertie sel seasonable tymber to euery fletcher of the countrey, without falling into anie penaltie or daunger to any of their wardeins for so doing, and that all ordinaunces and other lawes made or to be made by their wardeins or otherwyle to the contrary, shall be from henceforth clerely frustrate and voyde.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the boyers, fletchers stringers and arrow head makers, repairing, and resorting vnto the said citie or the suburbs of the same, and there makynge their dwellinge or abydinge, beinge not fre men of the said citie, bearynge nother scot nor lot within the said citie, shall at al times, by the appointmēt of your graces most honorable counsaile, the lord Chancellor of England for the time being. lord treasurer, or the lord priue seale, or one of them, go and inhabite suche cities boroughes & townes, as be destitute of such artificers, and there to exercise occupie and practyse their said craftes and faculties, for the maintenance of artillery and archery. And if any such person, to whom warning shall be so geuen by the kinges moste honorable counsell, the lord Chancellor, the lord treasurer, or the lord priue seale, as is aforesaid, to departe vnto other townes or places of the said realme of Englande, from the saide citie of London, the suburbs stretes lanes & places nere the same, refuse to accomplishe the same, that then he or they so refusing, shall forfeite for euery day that he shall make his abode contrary to this acte. xl.s.

Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no straunger borne out of the kinges obeylance, not beyng Denisen, shall conuey or do to be conueyed, geue sell or exchaung into anie parties out of the kinges obeilance, any longe bowes arrowes or shaftes, without the kynges speciall licence, vpon peyne of forfeiture of the same, where so euer they shall be taken, or the value therof, within the kinges power, and vpon peine of imprisonment without bayle or mainprise, vnto such time as he or they so being in warde, haue made a reasonable fine to the kinge for his or their offences afore the Iustice of peace, or.ii.of them in their sessions in the same countie, where he or they shall be committed to warde, or finde sufficient suretie for the payment of the same fine. And that no maner of person, not being borne within the kinges obeylance, nor made Denisen, vnto within the kinges obeilance shooting with long bowes, without the kinges licence, vpon peine of forfeiture such bowes arrowes and shaftes as they shall be founden so shootinge with, and euery of the kinges subiectes may haue auctoritie to take & seise the same forfeitures to his owne vse. And that iustices of assyse of gayle de

liuerie, iustices of peace, and stewardes of franchises leetes and lawdales, haue power to enquire of all the premises in their sessions, leetes and lawdales, and here and determine the same, & also by their discrecion, examine all persons, lackynge and not hauinge bowes shaftes and arrowes accordinge to the fourme aforesaide.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no maner of person or persons, of what degree qualitie or condicion so euer he or they be, from the feast of the natiuite of saint John Baptist now next comming, by him self factour deputie seruaunt or other person, shal for his or their gaine lucre or liuyng, kepe haue holde occupie exercise or mainteine any common house alep or place of boulynge coptynge cloythe cayles halfe boule tennis dising table or cardinge, or any other maner of game prohibyt by any estatute here tofore made, or any vnlaful newe game nowe inuented or made, or any other new vnlaful game hereafter to be inuented found had or made, vpon paine to forfeite and pay for euery daie, keepinge hauinge or mainteyning, or suffering any such game to be had kept executed played or maintained with in any such house gardene alep or other place, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute. xl. s. And also euery person, vsing and haunting any of the said houses and plaies, and there playnge, to forfeite for euery time so doing. vi. s. viii. d. And if any pson hereafter iue for any placarde, to haue common gaminge in his house, contrary to this estatute, that then it shal be contained in the same placard, what game shalbe vled in the same house, & what persons shal plaie therat, & euery placard graunted to the contrarie, to be void: and also that the partie obtaininge any such placarde before he put the same in execution, shal be bound with sufficient suerties with him by recognisaunce in the chauncery in a certeine summe, to be appointed by the discrecion of the lord Chauncellour of England, that he shal not vse the said placarde contrary to the fourme therof.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shal be lefull to all and euery the iustices of peace in euery shire, maieres shiriffes bayliffes, and other head officers, within euery cite towne & borough within this realme, from time to time, as well within liberties as without, as nede & case shal require, to come enter and resorte into all and euery houses places and alleis, where such games shalbe suspected to be hoiden exercised vled or occupied contrary to the fourme of this estatute, and as well the keepers of the same, as also the persons there hauntinge resortinge and playnge, to take arest and emprison, & them so taken and arested, to kepe in prizon vnto such time as the keepers and maintainers of the said plaies & games, haue founde suerties to the kinges vse, to be bound by recognisaunce or other wise no leger to vse kepe or occupie any suche house plaie game alep or place: and also that the persons there so found be in like case bounden by them selves, or els with suerties, by the discrecion of the Justices, maieres, shiriffes, bayliffes or other heade officers, no more to play haunt or exercise from thenseforth, in at or to any of the saide places, or at anye of the saide games.

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Also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the maires shiriffes bailiffes constables & other head officers, within every citie, borough and towne, within this realme, where any suche officers shal fortune to be, as wel within the franchises as without, shal make dewe serche wekely, or at the furthest at all times hereafter ones every month, in al places where any suche houses aleis plaies or places shall be suspected to be had kepte and maintained. And if the saide maires shiriffes bayliffes constables and other head officers within their cities boroughes & townes, as wel within franchises as without, do not make due serche at the furthest ones every moneth if the case so require, according to the tenour of this act, and do not execute the same in all things according to the purposse and force of the same: that then every such maire shiriffes bailiffes constable or other head officer, to paie and forfait for every moneth, not makinge such serche, nor executinge the same. xl.s.

Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no maner of artificer or crafter man of any handy craft or occupation, husband man, apprentice labourer servaunt at husbandry, journey man or servant of artificer, mariners fishermen watermen or any servinge man, shal from the said feast of the Nativitie of saint John Baptiste, play at the tables tenys dice cardes boules clache coptynge logating, or any other vnlawful game, out of Christmas, vnder the peine of. xx.s. to be forfeite for every time, & in Christmas to play at any of the saide games in their masters houses, or in their masters presence. And also that no maner of person shal at any time playe at any boule or boules in open places out of his gardeyne or orchard, vnder the peine for every time so offendinge to forfeite. vi.s. viii. d. And that all Iustices of peace mayres bayliffes shpyffes and all other head officers, & every of them, fyndyng or knowyng anie maner person or persones, vnyng or exercysinge any vnlawfull games contrarie to this presente estatute, shal haue full power and auctoritie to commit every suche offendour to ward, there to remaine without bayle or mainpryse, untill such tyme that they so offendinge, be bounden by obligation to the kinges vse, in such summes of money, as by the discrecion of the saide iustices mayres bayliffes or other head officers, shal be thought reasonable, that they or anie of them shal not from henceforth, vse such vnlawfull games.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all other statutes made for the restraint of vnlawfull games, or for the maintenance of artillery as touching the penalties or forfeitures of the same, shalbe from henceforth utterly voyde. And for all informacions plaintes actions or suites that shalbe taken or sued vpon any parte of this estatute, shalbe commenced within the yere after the offence committed & done, or otherwise no advantage or suite therof to be taken. And where anie such forfeitures shall happen to be founde within the precinct of any franchise leete or lordaie, then the lord of the same franchise leete or lordaie, to haue the one moitie therof, and the other moitie therof to any of the kinges subiectes that will

Sue for the same, in anye of the kinges courtes, by action informacion byll or otherwyle, in whiche action or suite the defendaunte shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor essoine shall be allowed: And where such forfeiture shall be founden out of the precincte of anye franchise lete or lawdaie, that the moitie of all such forfeitures shall be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other moitie therof to any the kynges subiectes that will sue for the same, by bill, plainte, action, informacion, or otherwise in anye of the kinges courtes, in whiche suite or action the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoine shall be allowed.

And to the intente that euerye persone maie haue knowlege of this act, and auoyde the daunger and penalties of the same, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all maires bailiffes shiriffes and all other head officers, shall foure tymes in the yere, that is to saie, euerye quarter ones, make open proclamacion of this present acte in euery market to be holden within their seuerall iurisdiccions and auctorities. And also that the Justices of gaole deliuerie, assyses, and Justices of peace, do cause the same to be proclaimed in their seuerall circuits and sessions before them holden, & that this estatute shall begin to take his effecte, concerninge the penalties of the same, from the said feast of saint John Baptist now next comming and to continue and endure for euer.

Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or personnes haue taken by lease, whether it be by worde, writinge, or otherwise, anye house aleys or place, wherein anye such vnlawful game nowe is, and at the time of such lease made was bled, that than euery such lease shall at the libertie of him or theim, to whom such lease is made, their executors administratours or assignes, from the saide feast of the natiuite of sainte John Baptist, be utterly voyde, except it bee for breach of couenauntes or agreementes, or paiement of rent due or to be due at the saide feast, or anye time before, so that then at the same feast or within one moneth nexte after the same, the said lessee geue knowlege to such lessour or lessours, their heires or assignes, that he will no longer occupie the same, and that than it shall be lawfull to the inheritor lessour or owner therof, or to his heires or assignes, in the same house aleys or place to reenter.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that it shall be lawfull for euery maister to licence his or their seruantes, to plaie at cardes dyce or tables with their saide maister, or with any other gentleman, repayringe to their saide maister, openly in his or their house, or in his or their presence, according to his or their discreasson. And that it shall be lefull to euery such seruant, for euery time so being commanded or licenced by his saide maister, as is aforesaid, to plaie at cardes dyce or tables with his saide maister or other gentleman, so to him repayringe, any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that it shal be lawfull to euerie noble man and other hauing manours, landes, tenementes or other yerely profites, for terme of life in his owne right, or in his wifes right, to the yerely value of a hundred ponne or aboue, to commaunde, appointe or licēce by his or their discrecion, his or their seruantes or familie of his or their house or houses, for to play within the precinct of his or their houses, gardeines, or orchardes, at cardes, dice, tables, bowles or tenis, as well amonges the selues as other repaying to the same house or houses. And that they so playng by commaundement, appointement or licence, as is aforesaide, shall not incurre any daunger or penaltie contained in this acte for the same, this acte or any thing therein contained to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all informacions, actions & suites, now depending in any of the kinges courttes, for or concerning any penaltie or forfeiture contained in any of the said statutes, by this act repealed, and no iudgement therein yet geuen, the same informacions, actions, and suites shalbe, remaine, and stande as good and effectuali in the law, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer be had made, any thing in this acte contained to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

An acte concerning the execucion of certayne statutes. Cap. x.



As muche as befoze this time diuers and sondre good lawes, statutes, prouisions and ordinaunces haue ben made by the kinges maiestie our naturall soueraigne lord and other his most noble progenitours for the increas and advancement of the publike and common wealth of this realme of Englande, & of his highnes subiectes of the same, amongst which some speciall notable, and profitable lawes, statutes, ordinaunces and prouisions be very requisite, conuenient, and expedient for the same common welth duely and diligently to be put in daily exercise and execucion: And such as haue bene and be auctorised to put in due and iuste execucion such speciall and notable lawes, statutes, and ordinaunces, and to correcte and punish the infringers, and contemners therof, in suche wise as is limited by the same, hath ben very remisse and negligent in doyng their offices, to the greate detriment hurte and preiudice of the common welth. For reformation wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that al and singuler the iustices of peace within any shire citie, boroughe or place within this realme of Englande, Wales, or any other the kinges dominions, shall yerely at the generall sessions of the peace to be holden next after the

the feast of Easter, assemble them selves together, that is to say every number of them within the limites of their commissions, wherein they be named Justices of peace, and at and upon such their assemble, shall diligently together amongst them selves peruse, examine, studie and know the effectes and true ententes of the lawes, statutes, ordinances and provisions hereafter specified, that is to say, the lawes and statutes heretofore made & provided concerning or in any wise touching bacaboundes, retenuours, giving liuertes, signes, tokens, or badges, maintenance, imbracery, bowstaves, and archerie, vnlawfull games, forstallers, and regratours, vitail viltailers and inholders and euery of the and of all statutes and lawes made in this present parliament, touching the same or any of them, and after the perusing and deliberate vnderstandinge of the saide lawes, statutes and ordinances, they shall deuise amongst them selves, how the same maye be beste put in due and iuste execucion: and for the better proceeding therein they shall deuise and seuer them selves, limitting and assigninge alwaies the number of two of them at the least or more, into hundredez wapentakes rapes, commotis or number of townes and villages by their discrecions. And that the saide Justices so deuised, or two of them at the least, shall in euery quarter of the yere from & after the said feast of Easter next comyng holde and kepe with the limittes of their diuision, one sessions beside the generall quarter sessions for the peace, the said one sessions to be kepte and holden alwaies within the limittes of their diuision, at and in one such day as by them shalbe appointed, so that it be alwaies sixe weekes at the least befoze the quarter sessions. And that al procelle and proceedinges in euery of the said session so to beholden shalbe continued from sessions to sessions. And that the said Justices, or two of them at the least, at and in euery such sessions, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire, as wel by the othes of xii. men, inhabitantes within the limites of their diuision, as by any informacion geuen to them by any person or persons of all defaultes offences and contemptes done or comited or hereafter to be done or comited against the forme of any of the statutes aforesaid, and to here & determine the same and shal also haue power and auctoritie, vpon any presentment or informacion touching the premisses, or any of them, to make procelle by *Ventre facias*, one *Capias*, and an exigent vnder the seales of the same Justices or two of them, against euery suche person and persons against whome any such informacion or presentment shall be had for their apparaunce afoze them in their sessions to be holden as is aforesaid, to answer to suche informacion or presentment as shalbe there had or made. And if the person or persons accused by informacion or presentment, shall be conuicte vpon any such informacion or presentment by confession or verdit of xii. men, that then the said Justices of peace, or two of them, afoze whom such conuiction shalbe had, shall haue power & auctoritie to geue iudgement against euery suche offender and offenders so conuict, of such paines by imprisonment, or such penes losses and forfeitures of money or both, or any of them, as are limited in

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in the said several statutes for such offences wherof they shalbe so conuict, and cause execution therof to be made and had accordingly. And also the said Justices of peace, or two of them, at and in their said sessions to be holden as is aforesaid, shall have power and auctorites to correct and reforme the panels of iuries for any inquiries to be made afore them touching the said statutes or any of them, in like maner and fourme as iustices of Gaole deliuerie and of peace may do in their sessions, by vertue of a statute therof made in the third yere of our most dread soueraigne lord the kinges reigne that now is: and that the shiriffe and other ministers hauing power to retorne panelles, shall make his and their retournes, accordinge to suche reformation and correction of the Justices aforesaide, vpon the peine limited by the same statute.

And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons be conuict as is aforesaide, by anye informacion afore the said iustices or two of them, within the limittes of their diuision: that the moitie of the peines losses and forfeitures of money of the offendours so conuict, shalbe to the kinges maiesties vse, and the other moitie therof to the partie that pursueth such informacion, accordinge to the tenour and effecte of the saide several statutes. And if any conuiction be had by reason or vpon any presentment, that than the kinges maiestie shal haue the hole peines, fines, and forfeitures of the offendours, al which peines fines, losses and forfeitures of money to be due to the king, by reason of any conuiction, as is aforesaid, together with all issues, fines and amerciamentes afore the said Justices within the limittes of their diuision, shall be leuied by the shiriffe or his ministers, by a scedule indented to be made betweene suche Justices or two of them, afore whom suche peines losses and forfeitures, fines, issues, and amerciamentes shalbe lost and forfeite, and the said shiriffe, the one parte of which scedule shall be certified by the saide Justices or two of them yerely in the terme of saint Michaell, into the kinges elchequer, to the intent that the shiriffe shall there answere the same to the kinges vse.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that euery of the said iustices of peace shal haue for holding of euery of their saide sessions, as is aforesaid. iiii. s. for their costes: and the clerke of the sessions by them to be appointed, for the makinge and writinge of the procelle and extractes of the sessions, for euery sessions. ii. s. to be paide by the handes of the shiriffe, of the kinges part and porcion of the paines losses and forfeitures and of the issues fines and amerciamentes aforesaide.

Provided alwaies that Justices of peace in cities boroughes and townes corporate, not being shires or countiees of them selues, shall assemble ones in the yere with the iustices of peace of the shire, where suche cities boroughes or townes corporate be, and shall be limited to execute this acte within the citie borough or towne corporate, where thei shalbe iustices of peace, and not els where.

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Provided also, that no informacion or presentment shal be had or taken by the said Justices of peace, so deuided by auctoritie of this acte, but for such offences defaultes or contemptes as ben or shal be done within the limites of their diuision.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the saide Justices of peace so deuided, or two of them within the limites of their diuision, shal haue full power and auctoritie, to examine inquire here and determine by informacion and trial, as is aforesaid, al defaultes and contemptes, which after the feast of the natiuitie of our lord next coming, shalbe done or committed by any seruauntes, commonly called yomen or groomes, husbandmen labourers and artificers or any of them, against the tenour fourme & effect of the statutes and lawes made for excessive apparell, and to correcte and punish the offenders therein, being therof conuicte afoze them, as is aforesaid, according to such peines, forfaitures and punishmentes as is limited by the saide lawes and statutes of apparell, to be leuied payde & certified as is aforesaid.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesaide, that as well the Justices of assise, as the Justices of Chester, and the kinges Justices of Northwales and Southwales, in all & singular their circuites, shal haue full auctoritie and power by the force of this present acte, to enquire as well by informacion as by presentment befoze them, of the defaultes contemptes omissions, negligences, fauours, affections, corrupciōs and other thinges what so euer they shalbe, of al and singular the said iustices of peace which shal not diligently truly and duly se put and cause the said good lawes statutes ordinances and prouisions to be put in bze, exercise and perfect execution according to the effectes, as well of the sayd statutes heretofore made as of this present act, & to here examin and determine the same, as is afoze said, and to aslesse such fines vpon the said iustices of peace and vpon euery of them, being conuicte of any defaultes negligences and offences, as is aforesaid, as to their discrecion shalbe thought expedient for the qualitie and quantitie of their offences.

And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al shiriffes, bailiffes, constables, hedboroughes, and all & singular other officers & ministers, what so euer, as wel within libertie as without, shal be attendaunt ayinge and assisting to all and singular the said Justices of peace, in and for the due execution of this acte, vpon peine to make such fines as by the saide Justices of peace or two of them, shal be asslesed to the kinges vse by their discrecions.

Provided alwaies that this statute shal not binde any iustice of peace or of Quorum, to assemble or execute any thing in this act, or in any other hyre citie borough or place, then in such shire citie borough or place, where he shal be resident and dwellyng at the time when suche assemble shal be made by vertue of this acte.

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or Quorum, be or shalbe of the kinges p^riuie counsaile, attendant vpon his roiall person, or any principall officer of his highnes house, attendant vpon his office, and other which shal happen to be occupied in his highnes seruice, by his maiesties commaundement, shall not be compelled to assemble with the iustices of peace or Quorum, in any shire, citie, or borough, or otherwise bounden to doo or exercise by auctoritie of this acte, that they bee bounde to do afore the making of this acte: any thing or thinges contained in this acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided also that the Justices of either benche, barons of the kinges eschequer, the kinges atturney and sollicitour, and all other iustices, officers and ministers being bounden to attende at the termes, shal not during their such attendaunce, be compelled to holde or kepe any sessions in the limites deuided to them, vpon the assemblies of the iustices of peace, as is aforesaide.

And to the intent that the said iustices, barons, and al other officers and ministers aforesaide, may the better be ones in the yere at euerie assemble aforesaide. It is therfore ordeined by auctoritie of this act, that the quarter sessions, holden after Easter, shalbe yerely kepte vpon the teweleday nexte after Lowsondaie in euerie shire of this realme, Wales, and other the kinges dominions.

Provided alwaie that this acte or any thinge therein contained shall not in anie wise extende to the countie Palatine of Beram, within the countie of Northumberlande, ne to the countie Palantine of Ely, within the countie of Cambridge, nor to anie towne corporate or libertie within either of the saide counties Palantines, hauing iustices of peace, for or concerning the extracting, returning, certifieng or leuteng of any issues, fines, forfeitures, amerciamentes, or penalties to be assessed or taxed vpon any person or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the said countie Palantines or either of them, or within any towne corporate, situate, and being within either of the saide countie Palantines, but that the same issues, fines, forfeitures, amerciamentes, and penalties and euerie of them, may be assessed, taxed, extracted, returned, certified and leuied from time to time hereafter in such maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as they and euerie of them haue ben v^sed to be assessed, taxed, extracted, returned, certified and leuied at any time befoze the making of this acte: or should be assessed, taxed, extracted, returned, certified, and leuied, if this said acte had neuer ben had or made, this acte, or any thing therein contained to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that iustices of the peace within any shire of this realme of England and Wales, shall not be compelled by vertue of this acte to assemble themselves for the execution of this acte for this p^resent yere, befoze the next generall assizes to be holden within euerie such countie, befoze the feast of sainte Michaell the archaungell next comminge, but that they and euerie of them shall be
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compelled vpon like paine, mencioned in this acte, to assemble them selues at the said general assises for the execution of the same, for this present yere onely, according to the purpote tenour and trewe meaning of this act, any thing in this act to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ Provided alway, that this act or any thing therein contained, shall not in any wise extende or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to the countie Palantine, and Duchy of Lancaster, or any towne corporate within the same countie Palantine and duchie, hauing iustices of the peace, for or concerninge the extracting, retourning, certifieng, or leuenge of any issues, fines, forfeitures amerciamentes or penalties, to be taxed or assessed vpon any persone or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the said countie Palantine and duchie of Lancaster, or townes corporate parcel of the same duchie, by vertue of this acte, but that the same issues fines forfeitures amerciamentes and penalties shall and may be extracted returned certified or leuied, from time to time in suche maner and forme, to all intentes and pourposes as thei haue vsed to be extracted returned, certified, and leuied at any time before the making of this acte, this act or any thing therein contained to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ Provided alway, and be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that al issues fines, amerciamentes, and forfeitures risinge and growinge by vertue of this present acte, within any of the seuerall liberties, franchises or temporall iurisdiccions, which bene seuerally appointed and assigned to the suruey order and gouernaunce of the king our soueraygne lordes seuerall courttes of the augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the generall surueiours of the kinges landes, shalbe claimed and allowed and also collected and leuied by the kinges bailiffes or other officers of the same liberties, franchises, and iurisdiccions for the time beinge, and shall be seuerally answered to the kinge in the same seuerall courttes after and according to such sort and order as other issues, fines, amerciamentes & forfeitures within the same seuerall liberties, franchises and iurisdiccions at this present time bene or ought to be claimed allowed and answered, any thing in this present act to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ Provided alway and be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that the iustices of peace in euery of the shires in Southwales and Northwales, and countie Palantine of Chester, accordinge to their limitacion, shal and may certify al the streites by them to be made in maner and forme as is aforesaide, to and afoze such chamberlaine or chamberlaines, chauncellour or chauncellours, auditour or auditours, in such place or places, as by the kinges maiestie is or hereafter shal be appointed or assigned for hearing and determining of the shireffes accôptes, in euery of the saide shires in Wales, or countie Palantine aforesaid, any thing in this act mencioned to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ Provided alway that this acte or any thinge therein contained, shall not in any wise extende to the countie Palantine and countie of Durham, or to any

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any towne corporate within the same countie Palantine or countie, having iustices of peace, for and concerning the extracting retourninge certifieng or leuyng of anie issues fynes forfeitures amerciamentes or penalties to be assessed or taxed vpon anie persone or persones, in anie sessions to be holden within the said countie Palantine or countie of Durham, or within any towne corporate, situate & being within eyther the said countie palantine or countie, but that the same issues fynes forfeitures amerciamentes or penalties and euery of them, may be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued from time to time hereafter, in suche maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as they and euery of them haue bene bled to be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leued, at any time befoze the making of this act, or shuld be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified & leued, if this said act had neuer ben had or made: this act or any thing therein conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies and be it enacted, that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not extende to the Barons and inhabitauntes of or within the linke portes or their membres, or to any of the, to compel or constrain them or any of them to assemble them selues with any the Iustices of the peace, out of their said portes or membres and the liberties of the same, or for or concerning the estreating of fines issues forfeitures and amerciamentes, to be set lost or assessed by vertue of this acte within the liberties aforesaide: but that they and euery of them shall and may assemble them selues together at suche place and places, within their liberties, for the executing of this acte, as to them shalbe thought most couenient, and to deuise them selues after suche facion as they shall thinke beste and most requisite for the executing of this estatute in this acte mencioned: And may & shall take such fynes issues forfeitures and amerciamentes, and euery of them, as shall be sette loste and assessed by vertue of this acte, in suche maner and fourme, and to suche vses purposes and intentes, as they or any of them lawfully shoulde myghte or oughte to haue hadde befoze the makinge of this acte, this acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaie, that this acte or anie thing therein conteyned, be not at anie tyme hereafter in anye wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to anie personne or persones, bodies politike or corporate, to their heires or successours, or to the heires or successours of any of them, for or concerning any theyr lawfull rightes titles interestes or claimes, of in or to anie maner of issues fynes amerciamentes penalties or other forfeitures, in any wise to be assessed loste or forfeited, befoze anie iustice of peace at their sessions hereafter to be holden or kepte in any shires, citie, borough, or towne corporate within this realme of Englande, by vertue or auctoritie of this acte, but that euerye suche personne or persones, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, and their lawfull deputies in suche behalfe, shall and maie at all times here-

after assesse, taxe, extracte, retourne, leuie, claime, haue and eniye all maner such issues, fynes, emerciamentes, forfaitures and other penalties and euery of them, to all such bles and purposes, and in like maner and fourme in euery behalfe, as they or any of them haue lafully bled to doo and haue or mighte haue done and hadde, at any time befoze the makinge of this presente acte, by vertue of any graunte to them or any of them heretofore made, graunted, or otherwise by vertue of any custome or lawfull vsage thereof heretofore bled in euery behalfe, this acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Chis acte to continue to the later ende of the next parliament.

CAn acte for bouchers to sell at their libertie by weight or otherwise. Cap. xi.



A moste humble wyle shewen vnto your highnes the wardeines maisters and felowshyp of bouchers of your cite of London, and all others the bouchers within this your realme of Englande, that where in your parliament holde at westminster by pzogacion the .xxiii. yere of your most noble reigne, it was enacted ordeined and establisshed by your maiestie, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in the saide parliament then assembled, and by auctoritie of the same parliament, that euery persō, which shuld sel by him selfe or any other the carcaises of biefes porke mutton or beale, or any parte or parcell therof, after the firste day of Auguste then nexte ensuinge, shulde sell the same by lefull weyghte called haberdepoyes, and none otherwise, the saide fleshe to be cut out in reasonable pieces, accoordinge to the request of the byer, in lyke fascion as afore that time was bled without fraude or coupyne, and that euery persone whiche by him selfe or anye other, shoulde sell any fleshe of the saide carcaises, shulde haue with him where he shoulde make sale of the saide fleshe, sufficient beame scales and weightes sealed, called haberdepois, for true seruing of the byers. And that after the said first daie of Auguste no persone nor persons take or cause to be taken for any pounce weight of fleshe of the carcaises of biefe or porke, by him or them to be solde, aboue the pze of one halspeny, nor for any pounce weight of fleshe of the carcaises of mutton or beale, aboue the pze of one halspeny and halfe serthing, without decepte or couin, vpon peine to forsaite for euery pounce not solde by weighte, or aboue the saide pze limited, and for euery defaute done contrary to the true meanynge of the saide acte. .iii. s. .iiii. d. The one moitie therof to be to your highnes, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same by byll plainte or informacion, in whiche suite none essoine wager of lawe, nor protection shulde be allowed. The heades neckes inwarde portenances legges nor feete to be accompted as parte of the carcaises afore saide, but suche to be solde by a lower pze, as by the saide acte among other thinges more

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more plainly appereth, which act was in all things by your said oratours well duely iustly and truely executed accozding to the tenour and purpote of the same, vntill your graces parliamente holden at westm, by pzo2oga-
cion the. xxvii. yere of your most noble reigne, at whiche time it was then and there, for and vpon diuers good causes and cōsideracions, enacted or-
deyned and establyshed, that from the. xii. daie of Aprill, the yere of our lord god. M. d. xxxvi. vntill the. xxi. daie of Aprill, whiche shoulde be and was in the yere of our lord god. M. d. xl. all bouchers, and other sellynge fleshe by retaile, may lesfully kill and sell all maner biese porke mutton and beale, beyng good and holsome for mannes body, at their pleasures and libe-
ties, as freely and liberally as they or anie of them dyd or might haue done at any time befoze the saide estatute, made the. xxi. yere of your most no-
ble reigne, and also befoze an other estatute concerninge the same, made the. xxv. yere of your most noble reigne, without any losses peine or imprison-
ment for faiture or penaltie to be by the or any of them, or the successours of the or any of them, had lost bozne or susteined in that behalt during the time befoze reherled, the same estatutes or any of them to the cōtrary in any wise not withstandinge. And that the same estatutes and eyther of them, and euery clause sentence and article in them or eyther of them contained, shuld be in suspecte and not put in execucion duringe the same terme, as by the said acte made the saide. xxvii. yere of your most noble reigne among other thinges more plainly appereth: whiche actes befoze reherled, concerninge the selling of fleshe by weight, as is aforesaid, if they should hereafter be put in execucion, and your said oratours compelled to sel fleshe by weight, ac-
cozdinge to the purpote tenour and effecte of the said estatute, made the. xxi. yere of your most noble reigne, shulde be the bitter vndoing of your said oratours for euer. It may therfore please your maiestic, that it may be by your highnes, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this p2esent parliament assembled, and by the aucto-
ritie of the same, ordeined establyshed and enacted, that the saide statutes, made in the. xxi. and. xxv. yere of your most noble reigne, may be repelled adnichilated, made frustrate and voyde against your oratours, and all o-
ther your subiectes. And that it maie from henceforth be lesfull vnto all your saide subiectes to sell their vittayles from time to time by them selues their hopues and seruauntes, to all maner of persones that will bye the same, in like maner and fourme as they might haue done befoze the makinge of the said estatutes or any of them, without anie danger peine penaltie of for-
saiture to be had for the same, anie thing in the said estatutes or any of them contayned to the contrary not withstandinge.

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An acte for murther and malicious bloudshed
within the courte. Cap. xii.



Where treasons misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughter & other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is or shalbe shedde against the kinges peace, ben often and many times done & committed within the limites of the kinges Pallace or house, or other house or houses, were & whan his maiestie is there demurrant and abiding in his owne most roiall persone, whiche offences whan they be done, be best knownen by his highnes officers and ministers of his moste honourable householde, and by his maiesties seruantes of his Chequer roll: And if his maiestie shall happen to remoue from suche his Pallace or house, or other house or houses, where such offences were done, before the triall and determination thereof, than suche offences mought not lawfully be tryed herde and determined by and before the said officers, but be remitted to be tryed and determined by the order of the common lawes of this realme, by reason wherof the punishment of the said offendours in such cases, hath ben long delayed, and sometime their offences forgotten and not remembred, and so escape unpunished, Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, with thailent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritte of the same, that al treasons, misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughter, bloudsheds and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is or shalbe shed, against the kinges peace, which hath bene done sins the feast of all saints last past, or hereafter shall be done within ani the Pallace or houses of his highnes or his heires, or any other house or houses, at suche time as his maiestie hath bene, sins the said feast of all saintes, or hereafter shall happen to be than demurrant or abiding in his roial person, shalbe from henceforth enquired of tried herd & determined within any the kings pallaces or houses, other house or houses, where his maiestie or his heires shal hereafter repaire vnto, or be abidinge, in maner and fourme folowinge: That is to say, before the lorde great maister, or lorde steward for the time being of the kinges most honourable householde, & of his heires and successours: And in the absence of the said lorde great maister, or lorde steward of householde, before the tresourer and comptroller for the time being of the kinges most honorable householde, and of his heires and successours, and steward of the Marchalsey for the time being or two of the, wherof the steward of the Marchalsey for the time being, to be one, by vertue of their offices, without any commissiō or other auctoritie or power, other then by the auctoritie of this present act to be geuen vnto them or any of them, which steward of the Marchalsey shall be for ever from time to time assigned and appointed by writinge vnder the scale of the saide lorde great Maister or lorde Steward for the time beyng. And whether the kinges maiestie or his heires hath

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hath, or at any time hereafter shall be removed from the palace, house or houses, where such offences were or shall be done, or not removed before they be enquired of tried hard and determined: yet such offences shall by the auctoritie of this acte, alwaies from henceforth be enquired of tried hard and determined before the kinges maisties and his heyres officers & ministers of householde before named, or two of them, as is above said, by the inquisition and verdict of his highnes and his heires household seruantes, in his and their Chequer rolle, in maner and forme as before and hereafter is expessed in this present acte, and at such palace house or houses where his maistie or his heires shall be at any time hereafter demurrant or abiding. And that all such returns of proces, and all executions & iudgements concerninge the premises, shall be had and done by the officers, before and hereafter expessed, and in maner and forme as before & hereafter in this presente acte is contened. And that all inquisitions upon the view of persons slaine, or hereafter to be slaine within any the kinges saide palaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesaide, shall be by auctoritie of this acte had and taken hereafter for ever, by the coroner for the time being of the household of our soueraigne lord the kinge or his heyres, without any adloyning or assisting of an other coroner of any shyre within this realme, by the othe of twelve or more of the pomen officers of the kinges and his heires most honorable household, returned by the two clarkes Comptrollers, the clarkes of the cheque, & the clarkes marshalles, or one of them for the time being of the saide household, to whom the said coroner of the same household shall directe his precept, whiche coroner of our saide soueraigne lord the kinges household, shall be from time to time named appointed and assigned by the saide lord great maister or lord Steward for the time being, and that the said coroner of the saide household shall from time to time for ever without delay, certifie vnder his seale, and the seales of such persons as shall be so sworn before him, all such inquisitions inditementes and offices upon the view of all dead bodies beyng slaine at any time within the feaste of all saintes aforesaide, or which hereafter shall be slaine within any the kinges saide palaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesaid, before the said lord great maister or lord Steward, and in his absence before the treasurer comptroller & steward of the Marshalsey aforesaid, or before two of them. wherof the said steward of the Marshalsey to be one: and that such inquisitions and offices so certified, shall be deemed adjudged and taken for ever as good and effectual in the law, to all intetes constructions & purposes, as any inquisition taken upon the view of the bodie of any person being dead, by any coroner of any countie of this realme, hath ben or shall be adjudged or taken.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide two clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the Cheque, and clarkes marshalles for the time being of the kinges saide household, and of his heyres, or one of them for ever, by a precept to them or to any of them hereafter to be made

by the said lord great maister or lord steward, or in the absence of the said lord great maister or lord steward, by the said Treasurer and Comptroller of the kynges most honourable household, and the said steward of the Marshalsey, or by two of them, wherof the said steward of the Marshalsey, to be one, shall have full power to summe warne and retourne the names of. xliii. persons, beinge yomen officers of the kynges said household, and of his heires in the said Chequer roll, to enquire of suche treasons misprisions of treasons murders manslaughterers and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloude is or shall be shed against the kynges peace, before the said lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence before the said Treasurer Comptroller and steward of the Marshalsey, or before two of them at the least wherof the steward to be one. And that it shall be lafull to the said lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence to the said treasurer comptroller and the said steward aforesaide, or two of them, wherof the said steward to be one, before whom such returns shall be so made, as is aforesaide, to cause suche numbze of the said xliii. persons so retourned upon the number of. xii. persons, as to him or them shall seme expedient, to enquire of suche treasons misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughterers, and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloude is or shall be shed against the kynges peace within the said Pallaces or houses, or other the said house or houses, lithe the said feast of all Saintes, or at anie time hereafter shall be committed or done within the said Pallace or houses, or other the said house or houses. And if any person or persons be indicted by the said iury, so sworne before them as is aforesaide, or by inquisition before the said coroner of the said household, and certified before the said lord great maister or lord steward, or in the absence of the said lord great maister or lord steward, before the said treasurer comptroller and steward, or before two of them, wherof the said steward to be one, as is aforesaid, that then immediately without delaie the said lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence the said treasurer comptroller and steward, or two of them, wherof the said steward to be one, before whom the said presentment inquisition or indictment shall so be founde or certified by the said coroner of the same household, shall arrayne before them all and every such person and persons so indicted, according to the course of the common lawe of this realme, and forth with after issue iopned betwene the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires or successours and the prisoner so arraigned, the same daie and place or any other day and place, at the pleasure of the said lord great maister lord steward, and in his absence at the pleasure of the said treasurer comptroller & steward of the marshalsey, or two of them, as is aforesaide, shall make an other precept to the said clarkes comptrolles, clarkes of the cheke and clarkes marshalles for the tyme being of the said household, or to one of them, to summon and retourne one other iury of. xliii. persons, to appere before the said lord great maister or lord steward, and in his absence before the said treasurer

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Treasurer, Comptroller and Steward of the Marshallsey, or befoze two of the in
 wherof the same steward to be one, at such daie time and place, and vpon
 suche paine as shall be then limited and appointed, of the seruautes and
 gentlemen officers of the kinges chamber, his heires and successours, and
 of the said household, which now take or hereafter shall take wages by the
 kinges chequer roll. And that the said lord graunde maister or lord Ste-
 ward (if he be there present) or in his absence the said treasurer, comptrol-
 ler and Steward of the said Marshallsey, or two of them, wherof the same
 Steward to be one, befoze whome such iury shalbe so returned, shall cause
 xii. of the same iurie to be sworn without any maner of chalenge to be had
 or allowed for any maner of cause, to any of the said iurie (malice onely ex-
 cepted) truly to trie betwene our saide soueraigne lord the kinge and his
 heires, and such person and persons, as shall be so indicted and arraigned
 of such treasons misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughteres, & other
 malicious strikinges, by reason wherof blood is or shalbe shed against the
 kinges peace, or of any of them. And if any suche person or persons, so in-
 dicted and arraigned, be founde guiltie of any treason, misprision of treason
 murders or manslaughteres: that than all and everie such person and per-
 sons, so founde guiltie, shall haue iudgement of life and member, and suffer
 such paines of death, and shall forfeit all their manours, landes, tenemen-
 tes, goodes, and cattails, in like maner and forme as if the same person and
 persons had ben founde guiltie of any the saide offences by the order of the
 common lawes of this realme, without allowing to any such person or per-
 sons so founde guiltie of any the same offences, the benefit of his or their cler-
 gie, or priuilege of any sanctuarie. And if any person or persons so arraigned
 be founde guiltie for malicious striking, by reason wherof blood is hath
 ben or shall be shedde against the kinges peace, within the saide palace or
 house, or any other house, or any other the said house or houses: that than
 every such person and persons shall from henceforth haue iudgement by the
 said lord great maister or lord steward (if he be present) and in his absence
 by the other befoze named, befoze whom suche person or persons shalbe so
 founde guiltie, to haue his right hand strikē of, befoze the saide lord grea-
 te maister or lord steward (if he be there present) and in his absence befoze
 the said treasurer, comptroller & steward of the marshallsey, or two of the at
 the least wherof the said steward to be one, and at such place and time as he
 or they, befoze whom such person and persons shalbe so founde guilty, shall
 appoint execution to be done, and the same executiō to be done by such per-
 son as the said lord great maister or lord steward (if he be there present) &
 in his absence as the saide treasurer, comptroller, & steward of the mar-
 shallsey, or two of them, wherof the steward to be one, shal name or appoint
 and also shall haue iudgement to haue perpetuall imprisonment duringe
 his life, and shall paie fine and ranlome at the kinges maiesties pleasure
 his heires and successours.

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of the execution appertaininge and of longe time bled and accustomed, to
and for such malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is hath been or
hercafter shall be shed against the kinges peace: it is therfore enacted by
the auctoritie aforesaid, that the sergeant or chief surgion for the time being
or his deputie of the kinges householde, his heires and successours, shall be
redie at the place and time of execution, as shall be appointed, as is aforesaid,
to seare the stompe, whan the hand is so striken of: And the sergeant of
the pantrie for the time being of the said householde, or his deputy, shall be
also than & there redie to giue bread to the partie, that shall haue his hande
so striken of: And the sergeant of the cellar for the time beinge of the same
householde, or his deputie, shall also be than and there redy with a pot of
redde wine, to giue the same partie drinke, after his hande is so striken of
and the stompe seared: And the sergeant of the Crowie for the time being of
the same householde, or his deputie, shall also be than and there redie with
clothes sufficient for the surgeon to occupie about the same execution: and
the yoman of the chaundrie for the time being of the same household, or his
deputie, shall also be than and there, and haue in redinesse seared clothes,
sufficient for the surgeon to occupie about the same execution: and the mai-
ster coke for the time being of the same household, or his deputie, shall also
be than and there redie, & bring with him a dressing knife, and shall deliuer
the same knife at the place of execution, to the serieant of the larder for the
time being of the same household, or to his deputie, who shall be also then &
there redie, and holde vp right the said dressing knife till execution be don,
And the serieant of the pultrie, for the time being of the same household or his
deputie, shall be also than and there redie with a cooke in his hand redy for
the surgeon to wrap about the same stompe, whan the hande shall be so stri-
ken of. And the yoman of the scullary for the time being of the same house-
holde or his deputie, to be also than and there redie, and prepare and make
at the place of execution a fire of coles, and there to make redy searunge y-
rons, against the said surgeon or his deputie shall occupie the same: and
the serieant or chief ferrouer, for the time being of the same household or his
deputie, shall be also then and there redy, and bringe with him the serunge
yrons, and deliuer the same to the same sergeant or chiefe surgion, or to his
deputie whan they be hot: And the grome of the salcery for the time being
of the same household or his deputie, shall be also than and there ready with
vineger and cold water, and giue attendance vpon the said surgeon or his
deputie, vntill the same execution be done: and the serieant of the wood yard
for the time being of the same household or his deputy, shall bring to the said
place of execution a blocke with a betill a staple & cordes to binde the saide
hande vpon the blocke while execution is in doing.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or
persons so indicted of treason misprision of treason murther manslaughter
or other malicious striking, by reason wherof bloud is hath ben or shall be
shed against the kinges peace, as is aforesaide, and therof be arraigned,
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and obstinatelie refuse to answer directly to the same offences, wherof he or they be so indicted, or if such person or persons so indicted and arraigned stande muet, and will not speake, then such person and persons so refusing to answer or standing muet, shall be conuicted, iudged, and demed guiltie of the thing, wherof he or they is or shalbe so indicted and arraigned, and shall haue iudgement to haue like paines of death: and other paines punishments, execucions, forfeitures, losses and seisures of landes, tenementes, goodes and cattalles for the same, as he or they ought or should haue had for such like offences, if he or they were or should be founde guiltie therof by the verdict of. xii. men.

¶ And best further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said clerkes comptrolles, clarkes of the cheque, and clarkes marshalle, or one of them for the time being, shal from time to time name assigne and appoint a crier to make proclamacions, and to call the iuries, and to do other thinges as becometh a crier of a court to do, belonging to that office.

¶ Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte before reherled, concerninge malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is hath ben or shalbe shed against the kinges peace, ne the paines & forfeitures before reherled for the punishment of the same, shall not in any wise extende or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other person or persons, that shal happen to strike his or their seruautes within the said pallaces or house, or any other house or houses aforesaid, or within the limittes of the same, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any smal staffe or strike, for correction and punishment for any offences committed and done, or to be committed and done, ne to any of the kinges officers or seruautes, that shal strike any person within the same Pallace or house, or any other house or houses aforesaid, although by reaso of the said stroke or strokes there happed to be any bloudshed of such person, as shall so be stricken, excepte the person so stricken doo die, of the same stroke within one yere next after the same stroke so geuen.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the trial of peeres of this realme for committing or doing any offences in this act before mencioned, shall be as it hath ben vled in times past, any thinge in this acte contained to the contrarie notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also that the libertie and iurisdiction of the marchallex court and circuite of the virge, shall be in all pointes priuileges and auctorities vled by the ministers and officers of the same, in as full and as ample manner as it hath ben heretofore lawfully vled, for murthers, felonies, offences, and al trespasses contracts and other luites what so euer they be, any thing in this acte to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ And for as much as before this time one Richard Stauert of Lincolnes inne gentilman, was commaunded and appointed by the kinges maiestie to occupie the office of the Coroner of his said house, by force wherof he hath continued officer in the same by the space of. xvi. yeres or moze: Be it enacted

enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Richard Stauert shall haue occupie and enioy the said office of Coroner during his life, together with all suche profits and commodities as before this time haue ben due and appertaining in any wise to the same. And after his Deceasse the said Coroner alwaies to be made assigned and appointed by the said lord great maister or lord steward for the time being.

¶ And for that hereafter it might be doubted, how far the limittes and boundes of the said house or houses should extende or be taken, within which limittes or boundes any the said offences, which haue ben committed or done sith the said feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter shall be committed or done, for the whiche all and every person and persons so offending, should haue and suffer the paines, penalties, and forfeitures, as is aforesaid: for plaine declaracion therof, and for the auoidinge of all doubtes and questions, which may hereafter happen to arise of for or vpon the same. Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the limittes and boundes of the said house and houses, within which any the offences aforesaid, nowe committed or done sith the said feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter to be committed or done, shall be punished as is aforesaid, shall extende and be taken within these places ensuing, and in none other, that is to say: Within any edifices, courtes places, gardeins, orchardes or houses, within the porters wards of any of the houses or houses aboue reherled, or within any gardeins, priue walkes, orchardes, tiltyardes, woodyardes, tennis places cockefights, bouling aleies, nere adioyning to any of the houses aboue reherled, and being parte of the same, or within twoo hundred footes of the standarde of any outwarde gate or gates of any of the houses aboue reherled, commonly vied for passage out or from any the house or houses aboue reherled.

¶ Provided alwaies that this act shall not take effect, or be put in executiō till from and after the firste day of May nexte ensuinge, excepte onely for murders and manslaughters, for the which offences of murder and manslaughter, the same to take effect from the feast of all Sainctes last past, according to the tenour and effect of the said acte.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act before reherled concerning malicious strikinges, by reason whereof bloud is hath ben or shall be shed against the kinges peace, ne the peinces and forfeitures before reherled for the punishment of the same, shall not in any wise extende or be prejudicial or hurtful to any noble man, ne to any other person or persons, that shall happen to strike his or their seruantes within the said pallaces or house, or any other house or houses place or places aforesaid, or within the limittes of the same, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any smal staffe or sticke, for correction or punishment, for any offences committed and done, or to be committed and don, ne to any of the kinges officer or officers, that in executing of his or their office shall strike any person or persons, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any smal staffe

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or sticke, or with any staffe commonly called a tip staffe within the same palace or house or any other pallaces or houses or places aforesaide ne to any other person or persons, that in doyng service at any triumphe or any other time of service by the kinges commaundement, or of any his graces counsell, or other his graces head officers, shall happen for their executing of their said service, to strike any person or person, with his or their handes or fistes or with any small staffe or sticke, or with any staffe commonly called a tip staffe, within the same palace or house, or any other pallaces or houses or place or places aforesaid, although by reason of the same stroke or strokes, there happen to be any bloudshed of such person as shall be so striken, excepte the person, so striken do die of the same stroke within one yere next after the stroke so geuen.

And also be it further enacted by thauctozitie aforesaid, that if any person or persons shal from the first day of April next commynge, steale or feloniously take away any plate jewells or other goodes of our said soueraigne lord the king his heires or successours kinges, of the valour of. xii. d. or above, or breke or enter into any the kinges houses, to thintent to steale any the kinges goodes his heires or successours kinges, though his maiestie be absent, or any other house, while it shall fortune the same his maiestie to be lodged or abiding therein, euerie such offence to be demed felony, and the person or persons so offending, their abbettours, procurers, counsellours, and receptours, therof lawfully conuicted, to suffre like penalties forfaultures, peines of death, as appertaineth to felons, without hauinge the benefite of their clergie or saintuary, and euerie such offendour, being apprehended within the verge of the kinges house, to be arraigned & tried by men of the countrei, as other offendours for offences done within the verge, before the steward of the laide Marchalley and other vnto him associated, are to be arraigned and tried within the same precinct.

An acte concerning certaine lordships translated from the countie of Denbigh, to the countie of Flint. Cap. xii.



Where in the parliament holden at Westm in the. xxxii. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord king Henry the. viii. that now is: it was amongst other enacted, that not withstandinge. viii. countie daies in one yere, and. ix. countie daies an other yere, were before that time holden and kept within the countie Palantine of Chester before the iusticer of the same countie, that from that time furthward the laide iusticer should holde and kepe but onely two sessions euer yere within the same countie, the one wherof to be kept after Michaelmas, & the other after Ester: and that from thensforth all the said countie daies should clerely cease and determine for euer, as by the same act at large moze plainly appereth. And for as much as within the same countie Palatine it hath not ben vled nor sene

lene, that the shiriffe of the same countie hath kept any shire court for deter-
minacion of plaintes, & callinge the exigendes, as is comonly vled in other
shires of this realme, there was therfore neuer sithen the makinge of the
said acte any exigende of felonie or other cause proclaimed within the saide
countie, to the no littel hinderance of iustice, and to the greate boldenes of
offendours. For refozmacion wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soue-
raigne lord, by thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempoꝛal, and the com-
mons in this present parliament assemble, and by thautoꝛitie of the same,
that the shirif of the saide countie for the time beinge, after the feaste of
Easter next comming, shalbe bounde to kepe his shire court in the shire hal
of the saide countie euery moneth for euer, for determinaciō of plaintes and
actions vnder. xl. s. and for proclamacions and callinge of exigendes and
other necessarie causes, as is vled in other shires of this realme of Englad
and that. ii. hed coroners for the bodie of the said shyre, shal be elected and
chosen by vertue of the kinges writ, *De coronatore eligendo*, to be awarded out
of the elcheke of Chester, which coroners shalbe bound to sit with the saide
shiriffe at the saide courtes, to giue iudgementes vpon vturies, and to do
all other thinges as apperteineth.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctozitie aforesaide, that the said twoo
sessions, in forme aforesaid to be holden within the saide countie, shal & may
be holden at suche time & times: as by the saide iustice or his deputie shalbe
appointed, as well before the saide feastes of Easter and Michaelmas as
any other time, according as is most commonly vled in other shires of this
realme, so alwaies open proclamacion be therof made by the space of .xv.
daies at the least, before the first day of the keeping of the same sessions.

¶ And where the lordships townes and hamlettes of Hoppe and Allaph,
haue of olde time be reputed, accepted and taken as parte and parcel of the
countie of Flint, and so haue bene continued vntill nowe of late, that by
an acte of parliament, made in the. xxvii. yere of the reigne of our moste
bꝛadde soueraigne lord the kinges maiestie that now is, the same were as-
signed to the countie of Denbighe. And also where parcell of the parische
of Hawarden is at this day and of olde time hath ben, accepted, taken and
vled as part of the saide countie of Flint, and the residue of the saide parische
of Hawarden is and alwaies hath ben without the pꝛeciucte, limittes, and
iurisdiction of the same countie: Be it also enacted by the auctozitie afoꝛe-
said, that as well the said lordships, townes, and hallettes of Hope Allaph
and the said hole parische of Hawarden, together with the lordshippe of
the same, as also the lordshippes townes and parishes of Moldesdale,
Meresford, and Oseley, and all the landes, tenementes, and hereditamen-
tes within the pꝛecinte and limittes of the same, or any of them, shal from
hensfoꝛthe be reputed, accepted taken and adiudged to be within the
saide countie of Flint, as a membꝛe parte and parcel of the same countie of
Flint, and not of or nor within any other countie or shire, any statute, or di-
nauince, law, or custome heretofore had or vled to ꝓ contrarie therof in any
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wise not withstandinge.

Provided alwaies that the inhabitauntes and tenauntes, of the sayde lordshippes, towones, hamlettes and parishes of Hoppe, Allaph, Holdesdale, Hereforde, and Hawarden, shall paie their milles, and tallages whan & as ofte as the same shall be dewe, with the inhabitauntes of suche shyre or shyres as befoze tyme haue ben accustomed. And that the said lordshippes of Hoppe, Holdesdale, Hereforde, Oseleye, & Hawarden, with the hole and entyre parische of Hawarden, and all the groundes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the pzeincte and limittes of the same shall from hensforth be called taken and accepted the hundredes of Holdesdale in the countie of Flint. And that the said lordship of Allaph, with all the groundes lands tenementes and hereditamētis within the pzeinct and limittes of the same, shall be taken, accepted, and adiudged to be as parte and parcell of the hundred of Ruthlande in the same countie.

**An acte concernynge false prophesies bpon declaracion
of names armes or badges. Cap. xiii.**



Where diuers and sundrie personnes making their foundation by prophesies, haue taken bpō them a knowledg as it were what shall become of thē, which beare in their armes cognisaunce or badge, fieldes, beastes, foules, or any other thinge or thinges, which hath bene vled or accustomed to be put in any of the same, or in and vpon the letters of their names haue deuised descanted and practised to make folke thinke, that by their vnttrue gesses it might be known, what good or euill thinges shuld come happen or be done by or to such persons, as bare and had such armes badges or cognisaunces, or had such letters in their names, to the great perill and distruction of such noble personages, of whom such false prophesies hath or shulde hereafter be set forth, wherby in times past many noble mē haue suffered, & (if their prince wold giue any eare therto) might happe to do hereafter. For remedy wherof be it enacted by the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons of this present parliamēt, that if any person, or persons print or write, or els speake syngge or declare to any other person, of the king, or of any other person, after the first daie of July next comming, any such false prophesies vpon occasion of any armes fieldes beastes foules and other suche like thinges, accustomed in armes cognisances badges or sygnettes, or by reason of letters of the name of the kynge, or of any other person, to thintent to set forth such prophesies: that than euery such offence shall be demed felonye, and the offendours therein, and their counsaillours and abettours and euery of them, beyng therof conuict by the order of the common lawe, afoze such as haue or shal haue power and auctoritie to here and determine felonies, shall suffre such peynes of death, forsaitures of

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landes tenementes goodes & cattalles, as is cases of felony at the common lawe is determined and appointed, without priuilege of clergie or saintuarie to be allowed to them or any of them.

CAn acte touchinge the translacon of saintuary from Manchester to westchester. Cap. xv.



Where at the parliamente begunne at Westm, the. xxviii. daie of Aprill, in the. xxxi. yere of our soueraigne lord the kynges moste noble and victorious reygne, and there continued by diuerse prorogacions vnto the. xxv. daie of Maie, in the. xxxii. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord the kinge, and holden vnto the. xxxiii. daie of July, in the saide. xxxii. yere, at whiche daie the saide parliament was by his pzaes auctozitie finished and ended. At which sayde parliament amongst manie other thinges by his highnes, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, it was enacted, that the towne of Manchester in the conntie of Lanc. amongst other townes and places from thensforth shuld be admitted allowed and taken to be saintuary, and a place of priuilege and suicion for terme of life, of all and singuler offendours and malefactours, of what so euer qualitie kinde or nature all and euery their offences be, for the which said offences and crymes the peynes and punishment of death shuld ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, or ther then such as by and in the said acte of parliament be expessed and forpysed. And where the said towne of Manchester is and hath of longe time bene a towne well inhabited, and the kinges subiectes inhabitants of the same towne well set a worke in makinge of clothes, as well of linnen as of wollen, wherby the inhabitauntes of the saide town haue obtained gotten and come vnto riches and welthy liuinges, and haue kept and set manie artificers and pooze folkes to worke within the said towne, and by reason of the great occupieng good order straite & true dealynge of the inhabitan-tes of the said towne, many stragers, as wel of Ireland as of other places within this realme, haue resorted to the said towne with linnen yarne, wolles, and other necessarie wares for making of clothes, to be solde there, and haue vled to credit and truste the pooze inhabitauntes of the same towne, which wer not able & had not redy money to pay in hande for the saide yar-nes wolles and wares vnto such time the said credites with their industry labour and peynes might make clothes of the said wolles yarne and other necessary wares, and solde the same, to contente and paie their creditours, wherin hath consisted much of the common welth of the said towne, and ma-ny pooze folkes had liuinge, and childzen and seruauutes there vertuouslye bzought vp in honest and true labour, out of all Idelnies. And for as much as of necessitie the said linnen yarne muste lye without as wel in the night
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as in the daie continually for the space of one halfe yere to be whited, before it can be made clothe, and the wollen clothes there made must hange vpon the raynter, to be dzed before it can be dzedd vp, and for the saulsegarde therof it is and shal be expedient and necessary, that substanciall honest iust true and credible persons be and shuld dwell in the said towne, and no manner of lighte persone or persons there to be inhabitautes. And where also many straungers inhabiting in other townshippes and places, haue vled customably to resort to the said towne of Manchester, with a great number of cottons, to be vttered & solde to the inhabitantes of the same towne, to the great profite of all the inhabitantes of the same, & therby many pooze people haue ben well set a worke, ss well with dzedding & frising of the said cottons, as with putting to sale the same. And for as muche as diuers light & euill disposed persons, sins the makynge of the saide statute, for certain offences by them committed and done, haue nowe of late resorted and made their abode within the said towne of Manchester, and liued in ydelnes, not alonly gyuing euill occasion to honest and true labourers and seruautes, within the said townes to liue in such sort of ydlenes, but also haue allured and deuiled diuers seruautes and labourers, within the said towne, to practise & vse vnlauffull games, wherby they haue consumed and mispent their maisters goodes being in their handes, and ouer that sins the resort of the said persons to the said towne, there hath ben committed and done diuers theftes and felonies, as in felonious bzeakinge of walke milles, and stealyng clothes thither brought to be fulled, and also in stealing of yarn layde out to be whited, and in stealinge and cuttyng downe great peaces of clothes from the teintours, as well by night as by daie, to the great impoueryshment of the owners therof, so that thei be not able to kepe their credite with their said creditours, by reason wherof the said Irishemen and other whiche herebefore haue vled to bring and sell their wolles yarne and other necessary wares for making of clothes, to the inhabitantes of the said towne and to creditie them for the paiement therof, as before is expessed, do now withdraue them selues with their saide wares, and will not bringe nor sel the same wares in the saide towne, nor to the inhabitantes therof, without redy paiement in hande: and the saide persones which vled to bringe thither the saide cottons, do also withdraue them selues, which shall be to the vtter decay and desolacion of the saide towne within short time, if the saide offendours and sanctuarie men and suche other, shall bee suffered to make their abode within the saide towne. And also forasmuche as the saide towne of Manchester is not walled, wherby the said sanctuarie men may or can safely be kept in the night season, but that thei maie and dooe continually escape out of the same towne by night, and commit sundry great robberies and felonies vpon the kinges louinge and obedient subiectes, repairinge to the same towne, and after their saide felonies and robberies so committed may without any let of wall or fortresse enter in euery parte and quarter of the same towne. And also for as muche as there is neyther Maire,

Thyriffe bayliffe, nor other head officer or officers within the same towne, other then a steward being officer immediately vnder the chiefe lord of the same towne, by reason wherof or by whom the said sanctuarie men might be the more in drede or better punished, after their saide robberies or euill doinges, nor yet any prison house or iayle safely to kepe them in, after their saide offences and euill doinges. wherfore be it ordeined and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempzall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the said former acte of parliament, concerning the priuilege sanctuarie and tuicion for the said offendours onely within the saide towne of Manchester, shall and maie be from the feast of the natiuite of saint John Baptiste nowe nexte comminge, repelled, adnichilate, and made frustrate. And the saide towne of Manchester from the saide feast of saint John Baptiste, shall be of lyke condicion estate and qualitie discharged of the said sanctuarie and priuilege, as the same towne was befoze the making of the said former act, any thing sentence clause or article contained in the said former acte, to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And that it maie be ordeined and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parlamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the citie of Westchester, in the countie of Chester, whiche is wel inhabited, hauing no suche trade of marchandise, and hath a strong iayle within the same citie, for punishment of malefactours, and also there is in the same citie a maiere bailiffes and other head officers, amongst other townes and places from henceforth maie be admitted allowed and taken to be sanctuarie, & a place of priuledge and tuicion for terme of lyfe of all and singuler offenders and malefactours, of what so euer qualitie kinde and nature all and euery the saide offences be, for the whiche saide offences and crymes, the peines and punishment of deathe shulde ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, other than suche as by and in the said acte of parliament be expressed and forprised.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this act or any thinge therein contained, shal not extende to repell adnichilate or make boide the saide former acte of parliament, made in the said. xxxii. yere of our said soueraigne lord the king, concerning any sanctuarie or priuileged places, limited in the saide former acte, other than onely the saide towne of Manchester.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the constables of the saide towne of Manchester, for the time beyng, taking and associatyng with them, twenty of the inhabitantes of the same towne by their discretions, shal haue the saufe conduction leadynge and bringing of all sanctuarie menne, nowe or hereafter befoze the feast of the Natiuite of saint John Baptiste next comminge, being in the said towne, to conducte leade and saufe bring from the said towne of Manchester, to the foresaide citie of Westchester, there to remaine as sanctuarie men, and to be deliuered to the
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maire and shiriffes of the said citie of Westchester, by indenture to be made betwene the foresaide constables and the said maire and shiriffes there for the time being, in which indentures shalbe comprised and specified the names of all such saintuarie persones, as shal be so deliuered: & that the said saintuarie persons and euery of them, shal be in al places meane betwene Manchester and Westchester, in the time of their said conduction leading and bzinging from Manchester to Westchester, as thei and euerie of them had ben and remained saintuary persons in Manchester aforesaide.

Provided alwaie, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if hereafter vpon anie reasonable matter or cause, it shal appere to the kinges maiestie by informacion or otherwise, that the saide citie of Chester is not mete to saintuarie, nor for a place of priuilege and tuicion for the said offendours and malefactours, as bene aboue remembred, or for suche lyke of their condicions: that then it shalbe lausfull to the kinges highnes, by his graces proclamacion, to extincite and determine the saide saintuarie within the saide citie of Chester, and clerely to discharge the same citie therof: and therupon to apoint ordeine and make one other towne or place to be saintuarie, and a place of priuilege and tuicion for the saide offendours and malefactours, any thinge in this acte conterned to the contrary not withstandinge.

An acte for Worstede yarne in Northfolke. Cap. xvi.



Where as for the most parte in all the shyres and countie of this realme of England there be and haue bene certaine priuate commodities, growynge and ryllynge onely within the saide shires or countie, by the whiche onely commodities politikely prouided for and continued, the citiees and townees within the saide shires and countie, and the inhabitants of the same, be and haue bene without any forein ayd or succoure plenteously and welehsly kept mainteined defended and pserued: al whiche commodities by the disceite and subtile practises, as wel of marchants straunges as of diuers other couetous and euill conscioned persons, haue ben and be many times clerely distroied and subuerted, to the great losse & decaie as well of the saide citiees and townees, within euery suche shire and countie, as of the inhabitants of the same, Amongst the which said citiees townees shyres and countie, hauing priuate commodities, the citie of Norwiche and diuers other, and many townees in the countie of Norf, hath ben alwaies heretofore kepte pserued and mainteined, and the poore men & other dwellers and inhabitantes in the same, godly honestly & vertuously brought bp occupied and exercised, by a commoditie growinge and ryllynge onely within the said countie, that is to saie, by the makinge and weauing of worstedes & other clothes, which hath ben made & wouen of the yarne called worstede yarne, spounne of the woulle growinge and coming of the

These breed only within the countie of Norfolk, and in no place els where. And for as muche as the said commoditie of making and weauing of worsteddes, within the said citie of Norwiche and countie of Norfolk, by the disceite & craftie practises of the great multitude of regratours and biers of the saide yarne, called worstede yarne, is holly decayed and taken awaie from the saide dwellers and inhabitants in the saide citie and shire, that is to saie, in that that the saide regratours do by the saide yarne by smalle parcels of many men, and after that they haue so by littell and littell bought a great quantitie of the said yarne, do not cause it to be wouen or otherwise wrought in the said citie or countie, but do sel send and cary awaie the same yarne out of this realme of Englande, into Fraunce, Flaunders, and such other lyke places beyond the sea, where with the said yarne, strangers not being borne vnder the kinges dominions, do make and weaue saics, russelles worsted, and diuers and sundry other clothes and thinges, the whiche after they haue so made and wouen, the saide strangers do sell againe to vs Englishmen within this said realme of Englande, to their great profit lucre and aduantage, and to the cleere decaye and destruction of the said commodity: by reason wherof the said citie of Norwiche, & other the said townes in the saide countie of Norfolk, are not onely most likely to be brought to bitter ruine and decaye, & the poore men and other dwellers & inhabitants of the same, whiche haue bene heretofore set on worke, kept and mainteined only by the said commoditie, illuded and deceiued therof, but also are very like to be left destitute & vnprouided of a liuinge, or anie maner of arte or occupation, by the which they shal be able within the said citie or countie to acquire to them selues their wyues and children, anie honest waie and trade to liue. Be it therfore ordeined and enacted, by the assente of the kinges most roial maiestie, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament, assembled & by auctoritie of the same, that no person ne persons from hens forth shal bye ne cause to be bought within the saide citie of Norwiche, or countie of Norfolk, any yarne called worstede yarne the which shalbe spunne within the said citie or countie, but onely such persō or persons, being weauers, or other artificers, the which shal weaue or otherwise worke, or cause to be wouen or otherwise wroughte the saide yarne so bought within the said citie & countie, in the said citie of Norwiche, or some other market town or townes or els where within the said countie of Norfolk. vpon the peine of forfaiting for euery pound weight of yarne, called worstede yarne, so bought within the said citie of Norwiche or countie of Norfolk. & not wouē or otherwise wrought within the said citie or countie, as is afoze said. xl s. the one halfe therof to our soueraigne lord the kinge, and thother halfe to him or the that shal so take the said yarne, or sue for the same by byl plaint informacion or otherwise, in whiche suite none esloyue protection ne wager of lawe shal be allowed or admitted.

And be it further ordeined & enacted by auctoritie afozesaid, that if anie person or personnes do from or after the firste date of April nexte ensuyng, shyp

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Shippe to carie oꝛ conuey, oꝛ cause to be shipped to carie oꝛ conuey into the parties beyonde the sea, oꝛ els do carie oꝛ conuey, oꝛ cause to be caried and conueied into the parties beyonde the sea, any yarne called woꝛstede yarne not woꝛought oꝛ made in cloth, so such yarne be sponne oꝛ made within this realme of England, that than euerie person and persons, so shipping conueieng oꝛ carieng, oꝛ causing such yarne so to be shipped, caried, oꝛ conueide shall foꝛfaite foꝛ euerie pounce of woꝛsted yarne, so shipped conueied oꝛ caried. xl.s. the one half therof to be vnto our soueraigne loꝛde the kinge, the other half vnto him oꝛ them that woll sue foꝛ the same in any courte of recoꝛde by infoꝛmacion, bill, plaint oꝛ otherwise, where as no waiger of lawe essoine oꝛ pꝛotectiõ shall be allowed. This acte to continue and endure vnto the last daie of the next parliament.

CAn act foꝛ confirmacion and continuacion of
certaine actes. Cap. xlii.



Here in the parliament begun and holden at London the thirde day of Nouẽbꝛe, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste graddẽ soueraigne loꝛde, kinge Henrie the eyght, and from thense adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers pꝛoꝛogacions, vntill the dissolucion therof, an act was made and established, declaring and concerning as well howe aged poꝛe and impotent persons, compelled to liue by almes, should be ordered and bled, and also howe vagabondes and mightie stronge beggers should be whipped and punished: And at the said parliament one other acte was made and established, foꝛ the restraint of carieng and conueieng of horses and mares out of this realme: And also at the saide parliament one oꝛther acte was made and established foꝛ punishment of Malhemenne, at temptinge, assautes, oꝛ affraies vpon any the inhabitauntes of Herefoꝛde, Gloucester, oꝛ Shropshire, which said thꝛe seuerall actes were also made to endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the same thꝛe seuerall actes moꝛe plainly appereth: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliamente foꝛ the tꝛew makinge of cables, halters, and ropes: And also one other acte foꝛ the tꝛue windinge of wolles: And one other acte to restraine killinge of wainlinges, bullockes, steeres, oꝛ heifers, beinge vnder the age of two yeres, whiche saide thꝛe seuerall actes laste befoꝛe remembꝛed were than made to endure and continewẽ vnto the next parliament, as by the same thꝛe seuerall actes moꝛe plainly appereth. And where also in the saide parliamente, one other acte was made and established foꝛ the attaintes to be lewed foꝛ the punishmente of perjurie vpon vntꝛewẽ verdictes: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament concerning sowynge of flaxe and hempe, all whiche said two seuerall actes last befoꝛe reherced were than made and ordeined

ned to continue and endure to the last day of the nexte parliamente, as by the same two severall actes moze plainly at large is shewed and may appere. And where also in the saide parliament one other acte was made and established for making of sailes in diuers shires of this realm, which same act was than made to continue and endure for one yere next after the ende of the same parliament, as by the same act also moze plainly appereth. And where also in the parliament begunne and holden at westm, the. viii. day of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saide moste drazd soueraigne lord kinge Henrie the. viii. and there continued and kept vntill the dissolucion therof. It was ordeined and enacted, that all and singuler the said severall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, should continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kepte vntill the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteined moze playnely appereth. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the. xxviii. day of April and there continued vntill the. xxviii. day of June, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our saide moste drazd soueraigne lord kinge Henric the eight, it was ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of the same parliament, that all and singuler the said severall actes aboue remembred, and euery of the, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions, in them and euerie of them conteined, should continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntill the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteined moze plainly appereth. And where also in the last Session of the same parliament, begun at Westminster the. xii. day of April, in the saide. xxxi. yere of the kinges most noble reigne, and there by diuers prouogacions continued, vntill the. xxiii. day of July, in the. xxxii. yere of our saide soueraigne lord the kinges reigne, there was one other acte made and established for and concerning the reformation of mispleadinge, iofailes, and attourneis, whiche same acte with the prouiso therein conteined, were made to endure vntill the last day of the nexte parliament, as by the same acte and prouiso amonges other thinges therein conteined, moze plainly appereth. And for as muche as all and singuler the said severall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficiall for the common welth of this realme: Be it therfore enacted and ordeined by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and singular the said severall actes, and euery of them, and al clauses articles and prouisions in them and euery of them cōteined, shal continue and endure in their force and strength, and be obserued and kepte in all thinges vnto the laste day of the next parliament.

¶ Provided alwaies, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that it shall not be lefull to anie persone or persones, at anie time hereafter, to water any maner of hempe or flaxe in any riuer running water streime, brooke or other common ponde, where beastes be bled to be watered.

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watered but onely on the grounde or pittes for the same ordeined, and to be ordeined made and prouided, or els in other their owne seueral poudes, vpon paine euery person and persons, offending or doing contrarie to the tenour meaning and purpoze of this estatute, to lose and forsaite for euerie time so doing. xx.s. the one halfe therof to be to our soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other halfe therof to be to the partie greeued, or to any other the kinges subiectes that will sue for the same forfaiture in any courte of recoorde, leete, or law daie, by action of dette, bill, plaint, informacion or otherwise, in whiche suite no protection, wager of law, essoine, or other delatorie plea, shalbe admitted or allowed.

An acte for trew making of kerseies. Cap. xliii.



Here at a parliament holden at London the thirde daye of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of our moste dradde soueraigne lord the kinges moste gracious reigne that now is; and from thens adiourned to westminster, and there continued by sundrie prorogacions vnto the fourth day of februarye in the. xxvii. yere of his said graces reigne, it was ordeined and enacted in the session of the said parliament, in the saide. xxvii. yere amongst other thinges, that after the feast of saint Michaell the archangel nexte ensawinge after the makinge of the saide acte, euery clothier within this realme, shoulde set his seale of leade vnto euery clothe and kersey that shoulde be redie made and dresed to be put to sale, in which sale of leade shoulde be contained the true and iust content of the length of euery of the same clothes or kerseies, as it shoulde be dewly founde by euery bier of the same vpo due proufe therof to be tried by the water. And in case vpon any such proufe to be made by any bier of them at the water there shuld be founde lesse and smaller contente in lengthe, than shoulde be contained & specified in euery of the said seales, that than euery suche clothier, makinge suche defaute, shoulde lose and forsaite vnto euery such bier of the same, the double value of so muche clothe as shoulde want or lacke of his saide contente in length, at the onely sight & iudgement of any two indifferent persons, that shoulde measure the said clothes and kerseies. And furthermore it was enacted by the said act, that euery kersey, so to be put to sale, shoulde containe in bredth one yarde within the liste, vpon dew proufe therof to be tried by the water, vpon paine to forfait for euery suche kersey, lackinge of the said content in bredth. xx.d. as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein contained moze at large it is expessed and may appere. Which said acte if it shoulde be put in execucion, shoulde not alonely growe and be to the great losses and decay of the kinges highnes customes, but also to the great hinderance hurte and impouerishment of the kinges louinge and obedient subiectes, and specially of those inhabiting within the countie of Berke. Southt. Oxfordshire, Surrey, Suffex, and yorkehire, where

Where there are a great number of course kerseies made, beinge of the value of .xxx.s. the piece, or therabouts: whiche kerseies are made of course wool and are comonly solde for .xx.d. or .xxii.d. the yarde coloured, of which course sorte of kerseies there are commonly made in the saide counties five hundred against one fine kersey, by the makinge and workinge wherof a great number of the kinges subiectes are set a worke and get their livinges whiche course kerseies are vttered into the farre parties beyonde the sea, and fewe or none vttered in this realme, and haue not ben bled sithe the remembrance of man to be made of such content in bredth, as is limited in the said estatute, for that the woll and yarne, wherof the saide kerseies are made, be of suche kindes and properties, as well by reason of the courtnes of the woll, as also for the manyfolde difference of sundrie spinninges of y^e same, and for diuers other considerations, the kerseies therof made can not be so certainly wrought, as the same should and might kepe any trewe or iuste certaintie of length or bredth throughe, whan it shall come to the water, although the workers and makers of the same do put therinto the beste of their forces and diligence, as by experience & proofe therof hath ben deuoly proued, and is nowe right well perceiued: by occasion wherof the makers and workers of suche course kerseies should be compelled either to forsake their misteries of makinge of suche course kerseies, wherby many thousands persons dwelling within this realme, and specially within the counties aboue reherced, now hauing good and competent livinges should be vnuoccupied and fall to idelnes, or els to incurre the daunger & penaltie of the saide estatute, to their vtter vndoing.

Cf or remedie wherof, be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that from henceforth it shall & may be lefull to al and euery of the kinges subiectes, to make, worke, and put to sale at their libertie and pleasure, al maner of such coloured kersey and kerseis, which shall be solde at or for .xx.d. or .xxii.d. the yarde or vnder, & not aboue, of such lengthes and breadthes as thei did might or were wont to do before the makinge of the saide acte, made in the saide .xxvii. yere of our said soueraigne lord the kinges reigne, or any other act, without incurring or rounning into any daunger or penaltie for the same, the saide acte made in the said .xxvii. yere, or any thing therein contained, or any other act or statute made to the contrarie not withstanding.

Prouided alway, that all maner of kerseis to be made wrought and put to sale within this realme, of the colours of blacke, marle, russet, & white (which said colours be comonly solde and retailed within this realme) shall be made of suche contente in bredth, as is limited in the said former acte, vpon peine in the same former acte contained, any thing in this present acte contained to the contrarie not withstanding.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and euery person or persons, whiche shall make or worke any kerseies of the prices

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res aboue reherſed, or vnder, ſhal at all times hereafter from time to time, make the ſame kerſes truly, without deceite, and that thei or any of them doo nor ſhall falſely or vntruely make or ſtoppe any maner kerſes with flockes, thymmes or other deceivable thing or thinges, to the deceite of any perſon or perſons, nor ſhall by colour of any libertie to them geuen, or other matter compriſed in this eſtate, make, worke and put to ſale any coloured kerſey or kerſeis of the prices aboue reherſed, whiche ſhall containe any leſſe in bredth than thre quarters of a yarde and one nayle with in the liſte, to be tried at the water, vpon paine to forfeite for euery kerſey ſo falſely made or ſtopped with flockes, thymmes, or other deceivable thinge or thinges, to the deceite of any perſon or perſons. xx. s. and vpon paine to forfeite for euery ſuche coloured kerſey of the price aboue reherſed to be made and put to ſale, not containinge.iii. quarters of a yarde and one naile in bredth within the liſte, to be tried at the water as is aforeſaid. xx. d. the one half of which forfeitures to be to our ſoueraigne lord the kinge, & the other halfe therof to be to him or them that will ſew for the ſame in any of the kinges courtes of recoꝛde, by action of det, bill plaint or informacion, wherein the defendaunt ſhal not be receiued to wage his law, nor any eſſoin or protection for ſuch defendaut to be allowed.

¶ Provided alway that the ſaid former act, made in the ſaid. xxvii. yere & all claues and articles in the ſame contained (other than concerninge the bredth of coloured kerſeis of the prices afore reherſed) ſhall ſtande and be in their full ſtrength and effecte, and be kept and obſerved according to the tenour and purpoſe of the ſame acte.

¶ Provided alſo and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that the aunager of euery countie ſhall and may leſully ſeale euery of the ſame coloured kerſeis of the prices aboue ſaid, in like maner and forme as he or they ſhould or might haue done, if the ſaid former act had neuer bene had nor made.

¶ Provided alſo, that none of the ſaid kerſeis of the prices afore limited, nor any other kerſey or brode clothe, made within this realme to be vttered and ſolde, ſhalbe put to ſale befoꝛe that thei and euery of them ſhall be ſealed by the aunager with the kinges ſeale, as hath ben accuſtomed.

¶ An acte expoundinge a certaine ſtatute concerning ſhipping of clothes. Cap. xix.



Here in the parliament begun and holden at London the thirde day of Nouembꝛe, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our moſte dreadde ſoueraigne lord, kinge Henrie the yght, and from thence adiourned to Weſtm, and there alſo holden and continued by diuers pzogacions, vnto the. iiii. dat of Februarie, in the. xxviii. yere of our ſaid ſoueraigne lord the kinges reigne, and there then holden vntill the diſſolucion therof. It was by

by acte of parliament ordeined and establiſhed, that euery white wollen clothe ſolde for.iiii.li. and vnder, and euery coloured clothe ſolde for.iii.li. and vnder, might be caried and coueied into the parties of beyonde the ſea there to be ſolde at the pleaſure of the biers of the ſaide clothe and clothes vnbarbed, vnſhozne, and vnrowed, anie act or actes to the contrary made not withſtanding. And by the ſame act it was further enacted, that if any perſon or perſons did ſende or conuey or cauſe to be ſente and conueied into the parties beyonde the ſea, any white wollē clothe aboue the value of.iiii.li. or anie coloured clothe aboue the price of.iii.li. vnrowed vnbarbed & vnſhozne, in other fourme then is aboue mencioned, that then the perſon or perſons ſo offending ſhall forfeite the value of the ſaide clothes ſo caried and conueied into the parties beyonde the ſea, the one moitie of the ſame forfeiture to be to the uſe of our ſaide ſoueraigne lord the kinge, and the other moitie to any perſon which will or ſhall ſue by bill writ or otherwiſe, againſt any perſon for the ſame, and the defendaunt in any plea vpon anie ſuch ſuite or action be not admitted to wage his law, nor any protection or eſſoine for any ſuche defendaunt be allowed in the ſame, as by the ſame act more plainely appereth. Upon the interpretation and expoundinge of certain wordes within the ſaid act diuerſitie of opinions hath riſen amongeſt ſome perſons, that if any perſon or perſons ſende or conuey, or cauſe to be ſente or conueied towardes the parties of beyonde the ſea, any white wollen clothe, aboue the value of.iiii.li. or any coloured clothe, aboue the value of.iii.li. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnſhozne, whether the ſame clothe ſo ſent or the value thereof be forfeited, befoze the ſame cloth be caried and conueied into the parties of beyonde the ſea. For a plaine declaraciō of the premiſſes be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that no perſon or perſons from henceforth ſhall carie or ſhip, or cauſe to be ſhipped in any ſhip bote, crate, or beſſell any white wollen clothe, aboue the value of.iiii.li. or any coloured clothe aboue the value of.iii.li. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnſhozne, to the intente to be conueied into the parties beyonde the ſea, vpon paine of forfeiture of the ſame clothe or clothes, or the value thereof, the ſame forfeiture to be recouered in ſuch maner and fourme as is afore mencioned.

An acte for due proces to be had in high treaſons, in caſes of lnuacie or madnes. Cap.xx.



Or as muche as ſometime ſome perſonnes beyng accuſed of highe treaſons, haue after they haue benne examined befoze the kinges maiesties counſaile, confeſſed their offences of highe treaſon, and yet neuertheleſſe after the doynge of their treaſons, and examinacions and confeſſions thereof, as is aforeſaide, haue fallen to madnes or lnuacie, wherby the condigne puniſhement of their treaſons, where they neuer ſo notable

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notable and Detestable, hath ben deferred spared and delayed, and whether their madnes or lunacy by them outwardly shewed were of trowth or fallie-ly contrived and counterfited, it is a thinge almost impossible certaielye to iudge or trie. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parlia-ment, to avoid all sinister counterfeit and false practises and imaginacions that maie be used for excuse of punishment of high treasons, in such cases where they be done or committed by personne or personnes of good perfect and hole memory at the tyme of suche their offences, that if anie personne or persons haue done or committed, or hereafter shall do or committe any highe treasons when they were in good hole and perfecte memory, and af-ter their accusacion examinacion and confession therof, befoze anie the kin-ges maiesties counsaile, shall happen to fall to madnes or lunacy, that yet neuerthelesse, if it shall appere by the testimonie of foure of the kynges counsell or mo, that suche persons at the tyme of doinge their treason, and at the tyme of their accusacion, examinacion, and confession therof, were of good perfect and hole memorie, and than not mad nor lunatike, but sithen that time fallen to madnes or lunacy, and so certified into the kinges Chan-cery by writinge subscribed with the names of foure of the saide counsell or mo: that then in euery suche case the kinges maiesties commission of oyer and terminer of the treasons, shalbe awarded out of the said Chancery, un-der his highnes great seale, into suche shire and place, & to such persons, as it shal please the kinges most roial maiestie to limit and appoint, in whiche commissiō shalbe specially mencioned and expressed the names of such per-son or persons, who shall happen to be accused and examined of treason be-foze anie the kinges maiesties counsaile, as is aforesaide, and an expresse mencion, that by the testimony of foure of the kinges counsaile, suche per-son or persons so accused or examined of treason, were of good perfecte and hole memory at the tyme of committinge their offences, and at the tyme of their accusacion examinacion and confession therof, and that sithens that time they be become mad or lunatike. By vertue of which commission the commissioners, limited by the same commission, shall haue power and au-ctozitie to enquire of the treasons, done by suche persons, by the inhabitant-tes or freeholders of the shire where suche commission shall be dyrected to, where so euer the saide treasons were done or committed. And if suche per-son or persons aforesaide, shall happen to be indited of high treason, than the saide commissioners, without the personal apparance or arraignment of suche personne or persons so indited, shall cause the shiriffe or his mini-sters, or other hauing auctoritie to retorne processe of suche cases, to return a panell befoze them of sufficient and laifull freholders of the shyre, where suche persons shalbe indited, for the triall of their treasons contained in their inditement. And after the retorne of the panel, and apparance of the Jury, the said commissioners in the absence of the saide person or persones indited, being mad or lunatike, without any arraignment answere or plea to the inditement, shall sweare, xii. of suche of the saide iurie as shall be re-

turned before them, to trie whether the person or persons indited be gylty of the treasons contained in the inditement, or of any of them (or not gylty) causinge onely thinditement to be redde to the said iury, and after the readyng therof, cause and suffre vpon euidence to be geuen to the iury, as wel for the kinge as for the partie touchinge the treasons contained in the inditement, as to their discreacions shal seme conuenient. Wherevpon the iury shall be bounden to geue their verdyte accordinge to their euidence, as if the persons indited had be present arraigned and pleaded to the same: And if it shall happen such person or persons so indited, to be found gylty by the said iury so charged to trie suche treasons, that then the offendours of suche treasons, so found gylty shal haue such iugment, & suffre such peines of death, forfaitures of landes goodes cattalles and al other thinges, as is comonly limited in cases of high treason, and as if suche persons had ben of good and hole memozy, and personally present arraigned and pleaded to their inditement, and had bene found gylty therof, their madnes or lunacie, or their absence non arraignment, or not pleading to the saide inditement, in anye wise not lettynge nor withstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaie and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that if any of the peeres of this realme shall happen to be accused & examined of high treason before anye the kinges counsaile, & do confesse the same, & afterwarres fall to madnes or lunacy, as is aforesaid, that then such treasons done and committed by any pere of the realme, and by him or her confessed vpon examination thereof before anye the kinges counsaile, as is aforesaide, and their confessions, if they can write, subscribed with their names, shall be enquired of by vertue of the kinges commission of oyer and terminer, to be awarded in maner and fourme aboue reherled. And if they shall happen to be indited of high treason, by vertue of suche commission, yet neuertheles their triall shall be alwaies had by their peeres, before the highe steward of Englad, to be assigned by the kings highnes, and that the high steward to be assigned by the kings maiestie in euery such case, shal haue the record of the inditement brought to him, & shall cause to be summoned, to appere before him, the peeres of the realme, as hath bene accustomed, at a date & place by the saide high steward to be limited, at which day & place the said high steward, after the apparance of the peeres before him, hauing the record of the saide inditement before him, shall in the absence of the persone indited, whiche shall happen to be mad or lunatike, as is aforesaide, and without his or hir arraignment or pleading to the inditement, cause the said inditement to be red to the peeres, and in their presence cause to be declared by his discreacion all maner of euidence & wittnes touching the treasons contained in the said inditement, and afterward charge the said peeres vpon their faithes, and dutties of allegiance, that they owen to the kings maiestie, to trie whether the person indited be gylty of the treasons contained in the inditementes or any of them, or not gylty. And if they shall find him or hir gylty: that then such iudgement excecution and forfaitures shall be had

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be had made and done, as if such person indicted had bene of good memoꝝ and personally presente arraigned and pleaded to the saide inditement, & had ben found gylty of the treasons therein contained, the madnes or lunacy of suche persons in such cases as is aforesaide, not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament, that if any person or persons, shal happen to be attainted and convicted of high treason, by auctoritie of parliament, or by the due course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, and afterwarde fall to madnesse or lunacy, that yet neuerthelesse they shal haue and suffre execution, their madnes or lunacy not withstandinge. And that if any person or persons shalbe attainted of highe treason by the course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, that in euery suche case euery suche attainer by the common lawe shalbe of as good strength value force and effecte, as if it had bene done by anthozitie of parliament: And that the kinges maiestie his heires and successours, shal haue as much benefite and aduantage by such attainer, as well of vles rightes entrees condicions, as possessions reuerfions remainders and al other things, as if it had bene done and declared by auctoritie of parliament, & shalbe demed and adiudged in actuall and real possessions of the landes tenementes hereditamentes vles goodes cattallees, and all other things of the offendours so attainted, which his highnes ought lawfully to haue, and which thei so being attainted, ought or mought lawfully lose and forsaite if the attainer had bene done by auctoritie of parliament, without any office or inquisition to be found of the same, any lawe statute or vble of the realme to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Sauing to all and euery person and persons, and bodies politike, & their heires assignes and successours, and euery of them, other than such person and persons, which hereafter shal be attainted of high treason, and their heires and assignes and euery of them, and all and euery other person and persons, claiming by them or any of them, or to their vles, or to the vles of any of them, after the said treasons committed, al such right tytle vble possession entree reuerfions remainders interestes condicions fees offices rentes annuities commons leases and all other commodities profites and hereditamentes what so euer thei or any of them shulde might or ought to haue had, if this acte had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ An acte concerning the atteinder of the late quene
Katharine and hir complices. Cap. xxi.



¶ Their moste humble wise beseechen your moste royall maiestie the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and all other your moste louyng and obedient subiectes the commons of this your moste high courte of parliament assembled, that where besides any mannes expectation such chaunce hath hapened by maistres Katharin Howard, which your high-

nes take to your wife, bothe to your maiesty chiefly, and so consequently to vs all, that the like we thinke hath scarce bene sene, the likelihoodes & apparences being so far contrarie to that, which by euident and due proufe is nowe founde true. Fyrst that it will please your maiesty to take it in suche parte, as therby arise not to vs all a greater inconuenience, whiche is the trouble of your harte, and vniquietnes of your minde: for that shoulde be a shortninge of that which we all shulde repent and most desire the contrary. Secondly that it wold please your maiesty to pardon all your louing subiectes, which syns these matters came to their knowlege, haue detested & abhorred hit for this facte, both in word maner and dede, and of word be- tered by them of hit and hit adherentes not maintainable in your lawes, consideringe that they did and do it onely for the greatesse and loue that they beare to your maiesty, and the abhominacion of the detestable facte. Thirddie that sins it pleased your maiesty vpon those likeli outward ap- parances, to take the laide maiestres Katherine Howard to your wife, and Queene, of your most excellent goodnes, and for a godlie purpose, & also moste liberallie to endue hir with great possessions for the maintenaunce of the same, thinkinge and takinge her at that time to be chaste, and of pure cleane and honest liuinge, the contrary wherof is now duely proued, both by hir owne confession, and others also. And that also she after the mari- age betwene your maiesty and hir, toke moste traiterously to hir seruice the same person, with whom she vied that vicious lyfe befoze, whose name was fraunces Dereham, and vied him in manie secreete conferences and messages after as by his confession and attaindour doeth moze plainly ap- pere. Calling also to hir seruice in roume of Chamberer a woman, whiche was priuie to hir noughtie life befoze, wherby she hath shewed a great ap- paraunce and in maner a due proufe of will to retorne to hir olde and ab- hominable life with the foresaid person: And yet she not satisfied with these abhominable carnall desires, the ende wherof howe perillous it was and might haue ben to your maiesty and persone, were harde to expresse, hath also sins that time moste traitorously confederated hir selfe with the ladie Jane Rocheforde widow, late wife of George Boleine knight late lord Rocheforde, to bring hir vicious and abhominable pourpose to passe with Thomas Culpeper esquier, late one of the gentlemen of your graces priue chamber, by whose meanes the Quene brought to passe, that the said Cul- peper and she met in a secret and vile place, and that at an vndue houre of a leuen a clocke in the night, and so remained there with him tyll thre of the clocke in the morning, none being with them but that baude the lady Jane Rochford, by whose meanes Culpeper came thither, and there therat thre & at other conferences together afterward, most falsely and traitorously comitted and perpetrated manie detestable & abhominable treasons, to the moste fearful peril and daunger of the destruction of your most royal per- sone, and to the vtter losse disherison and desolacion of this your realme of England, if god of his infinite goodnes hadde not in due time brought the
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said treasons to light. Of and for which treasons beyng manifestly and
 plainly proued, as well by the confession of the said Queene and other the
 said parties, as by diuers other witnessses and proues, the saide Fraunces
 Dereham and Thomas Culpeper haue ben lafull and truely, and accor-
 dyng to the lawes of the realme conuicted and attainted: And the sayde
 Queene & Jane lady Rocheford be lafully indicted, in so muche that Tho-
 mas Culpeper & Fraunces Dereham haue iustly suffered therfore paynes
 of death, according to their merites, as by the recordes therof more plainly
 at large may appere. It maie therfore please your highnes, of your most ex-
 cellent and accustomed goodnes, and for the entier loue fauour and hartly
 affectio, that your maiestie hath alwaies heretofore borne, and yet beareth
 to the common welth of this your realme of England, and for the conserva-
 tion of your most excellent highnes and prosperitie, and of the good peace
 vnitie and rest of vs your most bounden and obedient subiectes, to graunt
 and assent at the moste humble desire and petition of your louing and obe-
 dient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and commons in this pre-
 sent parliament assembled, that this their lafull inditementes and attain-
 dours, of such as haue lately suffered, may be approued by the auctoritie of
 this present parliament. And that it maie be enacted, that the said Queene
 Katherine, and Jane lady Rocheforde, for their said 'abominable and de-
 testable treasons by them and euery of them most abominably and traite-
 rously committed and done against your maiestie and this your realme, shall
 be by the auctoritie of this present parliament, conuicted & attainted of high
 treasons, and that the same Queene Katherine, and Jane lady Rocheford &
 eyther of them, shall haue and suffre paynes of death, losse of goodes catals
 dettes fermes and al other things, as in cases of high treason by the lawes
 of this your realme hath ben accustomed granted & geuen to the crowne.
 And also that the saide queen Katherine, Jane lady Rocheforde, Thomas
 Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham and euery of them, shall lose and forfait
 to your highnes and to your heires all suche rightes title interest, vse and
 possession, whiche they or anie of them had the .xxv. daye of August, in the
 xxxiii. yere of your reigne, or any time lithens, of in or to all suche their ho-
 nours manours meales landes tenementes rentes reuerfions remainders
 vles possessions offices rightes condicions, and all other their heredita-
 mentes of what names natures or qualities so euer they be, and that al su-
 che rightes title interest vse & possession, whiche they or any of them had, or
 of right ought to haue the said .xxv. daye of Auguste, or any time lithen, of in
 or to the same honours castelles manours meales landes tenementes rentes
 reuerfions remainders vles possessions offices rightes comodities and he-
 reditamentes, by the auctoritie aforesaid shalbe demed bested and iudged
 to be in the actuall and reall possession of your maiestie, without any office
 or inquisition therof hereafter to be taken or found, according to the comon
 lawes of this your realme: Sauing to euery person and persons, & bodies
 politike, and to their heyres assignes and successours and euerye of them,

other than the saide Queene Katherine, Jane lady Rocheforde, Thomas Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham, and their heires, and euerie of them, hereafter claiming the premises, as heire by or from them, or by or from anie of them, and all and euerie other personne and persones, claiming by them or anie of them, or to their vles, or to the vles of anie of them, or to the vles of anie of their saide heires, all suche righte, tytle, vles, possession, intereste, reuerſion, remainder, entrees, condicion, fees, offices, rentes, annuities, commons, and all other commodities and hereditamentes, what so euer they or any of them mighte coulde or ought to haue hadde, if this acte hadde neuer bene hadde ne made. And fourthely for as muche as these foresaide moste abhominable and detestable highe treasons haue so much touched the perill of your moste roiall personne, the daunger and trouble of this your hole realme, and in respecte therof it were requisite that condunge punishment shulde be had and spedily provided for the reste of them, whiche yet haue not suffered, and not to be delayed nor protracted, to the ende or prorogacion of this present parliament, whiche is most chiefly called and summoned for other generall causes and matters for the welthe of this realme. Therefore your most humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly besech your most roiall maiestie, that when thei, with one assent be agreed & accorded vpon this acte, for that it shulde not be requisite to trouble your maiestie for accesse in your moste royall person to the upper house, to assent to the same, nor conuenient that your maiesties royal assent shuld be protracted, to the ende or prorogacion of this parliament, that thei it maie please your maiestie, for example of speedy punishment of such detestable & abhominable treasons, to graunt your moste royall assent to the said act by your letters patentes to be signed with your most gracious hand and to be put vnder your great seale of Englands, and so to be notified and published in the higher house to the lordes spirituall and temporall, & your commons of this parliamente there to be assembled for that purpose, & after that to be and stande as a perfecte acte, and to be put in due executiō accordingly with conuenient spede. And fifthly wher also Agnes Duches of Norfolk, widow, and Katharine countesse of Bridgewater, wife of the right honorable Henry erle of Bridgewater, haue bene lausfully truly & according to the lawes of this realme indicted of misprision of high treason, for the concealing of the first detestable and abhominable treasons, and yet not arraigned nor attainted of the same, that thei now maie be by act of parliament convicted and attainted of the same. And that seinge the lord William Howard, the lady Margaret Howarde his wife, Edward Malgraue, Katherine Tylene, Alice Kestwold, Jane Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Daport, Martin Cilnes, Margaret Bennet, and William Altheby, were & be of the saide misprision of high treason already convict & attainted by the due course and order of the common lawes of this realme, as by the recordes therof more plainly at large appereth, that this their iuste conuiction and attaindour maie

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may also be approued by act of parlimēt: and that the laide Agnes duchess of Norfolk. Katherine countesse of Bridgewater, lord William Howarde, lady Margaret Howard, Edward walgraue, Katherine Tilney, Alice Restwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampart, Malin Tilney, Margaret Bennet, and William Altheby, and euery of them shall lose and forsaite to your highnes all their goodes, cattals, leases for yeres, money, plate, iewels and dettes, and haue imprisonment of their bodies duringe their liues: and also that all their manours, meases, landes, tenementes, possessions and hereditamentes shalbe sealed, remaine, and continue into your maiesties handes during their naturall liues, if their titles and interestes so long endure. And that your highnes shalbe answered of the rentes, reuenues, issues, & profites therof. from the first daie of Octobze, in y. xxiii. yere of your reigne, during their said liues, if their titles and interestes so longe endure. Sauing to all and euery person and persons and bodies politike, and to the heires successours and assignes of euery of them, other than the said Agnes duchess of Norfolk. Katherine countesse of Bridgewater, lord William Howarde, lady Margaret Howard, Edward walgraue, Katherine Tilney, Alice Restwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampart, Malin Tilney, Margaret Bennet, and William Altheby, all suche right title, vse, possession, interestes, fees, offices, rentes, annuites commons and all other hereditamentes, commodities & profites, what so euer they or any of them mought should or ought to haue had in or to the premises, if this act had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ Therefore be it enacted by the kinges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual & tempoꝛal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that al thinges contained by expresse wordes in this their foresaid petition, concerning or touching treasons or misprisions, or depending vpon them, or longing to them, shall stand in full force of an acte, according to their most humble request and petition, any former acte made to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And ensuing the foresaid petition, concerning the kinges roiall assente to be done and had by the kinges letters patentes, to be assigned with the kinges hand, and sealed with his great seale, as is aforesaid, and to auoide all doubttes and ambiguities hereafter touchinge the same: be it Declared by auctoritee of this present parliament, that the kinges roiall assent, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, and assigned with his hād, and declared and notified in his absence to the lordes spiritual and tempoꝛal, and to the commons assembled together in the high house, is and euer was of as good strength and force, as though the kinges person had bene there personally present, and had assent openly and publikely to the same.

¶ And be it also enacted that this roiall assent and all other roiall assentes hereafter to be so geuen by the kinges of this realme, and notified as is aforesaid, shalbe taken and reputed good and effectuell to all ententes and purposes without doubte or ambiguite, any custome or vse to the contrarie not

not withstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that al and euerie person or persons, which haue not only by their woordes spoken vttered and published, but also in their dedes done deuised and set forth by writinges all that they coude for bringing this high treason of the said Queene and her complices to light, and also to seke a serche al due meanes for condigne punishment to be had for these horrible and detestable treasons, misprisions and offences afoze reherfed, or otherwise haue spoken detested and abhorred her said abhominable offences, shall be clerely pardoned acquitted and discharged for the same against the kinges highnes, his heires and successors for euer.

And although it were not conuenient, that such a fredome and libertie were geuen to subiectes, without good ground, thei might secretli murmur, sedicious flander openly defame their Queene and maistres: so also were it vnmete and dangerous to the suretie of our soueraigne lord and kynge (being a iuste cause) to be construed by any law, to kepe it & concele it from him or some of his counsaile, which of dutie both should and ought shortly after to notice the same vnto him: thet foze be it enacted by the kinges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, that it shalbe lefull for any of the kinges subiectes and lieges, if they them selues perfectly know, or by behemet presumption may and do perceiue any wil acte or condicion of lightnes of bodie in hir, which for the time being shall be queene of this realme, that they may lawfully disclose the same vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, which they thinke will disclose the same vnto his highnes, any acte statute or lawe made to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheles that they shal not openly blow it abroad, nor privately whisper it in other folkes eares, wherby a sclauder might rise of her till it be diuulged by the assent of his highnes or his counsaile.

And it is further enacted that if any of the said counsaile beyng within the realme, doo concele it, and not disclose it vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, resident or attendaunt in that time on his royall person, by woode or writing, within .xx. daies after any of them shall heare of it, and if thei be out of the realme, with as conuenient speede and diligence as they may: that than thei to haue like punishment & forfaiture, as the offendours should. And in case the said counsaile or any of them doo here or perceiue any such thinge as afoze is reherfed, that than it shalbe lefull for them all or any of them, after notice therof geuen to the kinges maiestie, to imagin seke and proue alwaies to their wittes possible, to bringe the matter and offence to true knowledge and light, and they so doing to incurre no dainger of lawe or penaltie, any acte or statute made heretofore to the contrary notwithstanding.

And furthermoze be it enacted, for cuitting of such like hainous and abhominable treasons, in case it fortune either the king our soueraigne lord or that

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that now is, or anie of his successors hereafter being kinges of England should take a fancie to anie womā, of what estate degree or condition so ever she be, either subiect or resiant within his dominions or realmes, in way of mariage, thinkinge and esteeming her a pure and cleane maide, when in dede the prose may or after shall appere contrarie, either by due testimonie confession of the partie or parties, and yet she neuerthelesse willingly doo couple her selfe with her soueraigne lord and king in mariage, without plain declaration befoze of her vurchast life vnto his maiestie: that thā euerie such offence shalbe demed and adiudged high treason, and the offendour therein conuicte by the order of the lawe, shal haue and suffer suche paines of dethe losses and forfeitures of landes, tenementes, goodes, cattels & dettes, as in cases of high treason.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that if any person, subiect or resiant within the realme, or in any the kinges dominions, hering say by honest repozte, or hauinge perfect knowledge, that such a woman being not chaste, shall marie with her soueraigne lord and king of this realme, to the daunger of his most roiall person, and of his succession, & do not reuele and shew the same offence to the kinge for the time beinge, or to one of his priuie counsaile, befoze such mariage be had, if possible and conveniently he may, or els within .xx. daies next after that he shall haue certain knowledge of such mariage: that then euerie such offence shal be taken & deemed misprision of highe treason, and the offendours conuict thereof by the order of the lawe, shal haue such paines and suffer suche losses and forfeitures, as in cases of misprision of highe treason.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that if the queene or wife of the prince moue procure or stirre any perso by any writing message wordes or tokens or otherwise for that purpose, to vse or to haue carnal knowledge with them; or if any person do moue, procure, or make meanes to the queene, or the wife of the prince, to vse or haue carnall knowledge of them or any of them: that then as well the queene and the wife of the prince so procuring or carnally knownen, as euery other person procuring as is aforesaide or carnally knowing the queene, or the wife of the prince, and their aydours counsaillours and abettours, and euerie of them, shall be deemed and adiudged highe traitours, and being conuicte of suche offences, shall haue and suffre suche iudgement peines of death and forfeitures of landes goodes, cattels, and dettes, as in cases of high treason.

¶ An act concerning the order of wardes and liueries. Cap. xxi.



Here in the parliament holden at Westminster the .xxviii. daies of Aprill, in the .xxxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord king Henrie the eight, by the grace of God kinge of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, defender of the faith, and of the church of Englande, and also of Irelande in earth the supreme head, and from
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thens adourned to westm aforesaide, by diuers pzogacions, vntill the
xxv. daie of May, in the .xxxii. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne
lorde, and then & there holden, amonges other thinges the kinges graces
courte, called the courte of the kinges wardes, was then & there by aucto-
rites of the said parliament established made and auctozised into a court of
recozde, as by an acte therof made in the said parliament moze plainely ap-
pereth. To the which court it semeth to the kinges maiestie to be necessaty
and very expedient, to haue the liueries, which shalbe sued within this his
realme and other his dominions, incorporated and vnited, and also all in-
dentures cedulaes, bondes & wzinges to be made in for and vpon liueries
to be regestred and enroled in the said courte, being a courte of recozde, to
thintent that suche indentures, cedulaes, bondes, & wzinges may be there
surely and certainly knowen serched and vled, as well for the kinge as the
partie, as case shall require. In consideracion wherof, and for that it shall
not onely be honozable and commodious to the kinges maiestie, to haue al
the procedinges of the saide liueries to be of recozde, but also greatly to
the comfozte and profit of his graces subiectes, that shall make any serche
for the same for his oz their commodities. The kinges highnes is therfore
pleased and conteted, that it be enacted by auctozitee of this present parlia-
ment, that the office of the maister oz maisters of the liueries, with the cir-
cumstaunces therof, shalbe vnited annexed and kept vnto the said court of
the kinges wardes: And that the auctozitee & office to compoude for any
liueries, with the procedinges therein shalbe from hensforth in the rule po-
wer and gouernaunce of the said courte in maner and fourme hereafter de-
clared, any law custome patent grāt oz vsage heretofore had oz vled to the
contrarie notwithstanding. And that the maister of the kinges wardes for
the time being, whiche is the chief and principall head officer of the same
court, shal from hensforth for euer be maister of the kinges wardes and of
the liueries, and that all other officers and ministers appointed, oz hereaf-
ter to be appointed in the same court of the kinges wardes, by auctozitie of
y statute made of the erection of the same courte, shalbe called officers and
ministers of the kinges courte of his wardes and liueries.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctozitie aforesaide, that the kinges saide
highnes, his heires and successours from time to time, shall make name &
appointe one officer and minister of and in the said court, which shalbe cal-
led the surueyour of the kinges liueries, and shalbe the second person of the
same court. And that the atturney of the kinges wardes for the time being
which by the said former acte of the said court of the kinges wardes, was
appointed to be the second person of the saide courte, shal from hensforth
for euer stande and be the third person of the said court of the kinges war-
des and liueries. And all other officers and ministers of the saide court to
be placed as is limited in the same former acte.

¶ And further be it enacted by auctozitie aforesaid, that the kinges high-
nes his heires and successours may from time to time make name and ap-
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point an apt person to be clerke of the saide liueries, whiche shall make all indentures, cedulaes, obligations & writings of bargaines hereafter to be made and graunted for any liueries, and that one parte of the saide indentures and cedulaes or other writings indented, necessary for the same, shall remaine with the partie or parties, and shall be sealed with the seale of the saide maister of the wardes and liueries, & of the said surueiour of the saide liueries. And that the same indentures obligations and the accomptes to be made vpon the same, and euery of them from henceforth shall be taken ordered and vled, and also be of the same force strength and effect, to all intences and purposes, as the obligations indentures & accomptes be and ought to be by the said former acte. And that euery such person, which in fourme aforesaid shall be appointed to be surueiour of the saide liueries, shall take a corporall othe afoze the said maister of the kinges wardes and liueries for the time being, after the tenour ensuyng.

Ye shall swere that ye wel and truely serue our soueraigne lord the king in the office of surueiour of his graces liueries, and shall minister equall iustice to riche and poore to the best of your power, witte and knowledge, and that you shall diligently procure al thinges which may honestly and iustely be to the kinges aduantage and profit, and to thaugmentacion of the right & prerogatiue of his graces crowne, & from time to time deliuer with speede such as shall haue to do afoze you, and that you shall not take ne receaue of any person or persons any giste or reward in any case or mater depending or to depende in the said courte of the kinges wardes, wherin the kinges highnes shall be partie, by reason wherof any preiudice losse hinderance or dilaceracion shall or may grow to the kinges highnes his heires or successours so helpe you god and all saintes.

And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid that the saide clerke of the said liueries shall take a corporall othe afoze the said maister of the wardes and liueries for the time being: after the tenour hereafter ensuyng.

Ye shall swere that you shall well and truely serue the kinge our soueraigne lord in your office of clerke of the liueries, & truely doo and execute without delay fraude or couin al and euery thing and thinges, which you ought to do by reason of your said office, according to the fourme & effecte of this present acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

And that all liueries, whiche hereafter shall be sued out of the kinges graces handes his heires and successours, and out of the handes of any of them, of any castles, honours, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reueracions, remainders, or other hereditamentes, what so euer thei be, shall be in the order suruey and gouernance of the said court of the kinges wardes & liueries and of the ministers of the same.

And be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons hauing landes, or tenementes aboue the yerely value of five poundes, shall haue or sue any liuerie befoze inquisition or office found befoze the exchetour or other commissioner or commissioners, by vertue of the kings writ or commission

mission to be directed out the kinges chauncerie or other courtes hauinge auctoritee to make suche writtes or commissions for suing of lueries, which writtes or commissions shall not passe out of the Chauncerie or any other courtes, but by a warrant or bill to be assigned and subscribed with the handes and names of the said maister Surueiour, attourney and receiuer or thre or two or one of the, to be directed and deliuered to the Chauncellour of England, or to any other chauncellour or officer, hauing power to award such writtes. And if the landes and tenementes, wherof any inquisition is to be had by vertue of any such writte or commission, exceede the yerely value of. v. li. that then suche as sue for suche writtes or commissions, shall paye for the seale and writing therof such fees as hath been accustomed. And if the saide landes and tenementes, wherof any such inquisitions and offices is to be founde by vertue of any such writte or commission, exceede not the saide yerely value of. v. li. then suche as shall sue for suche writtes or commissions, shall pay for the seale of euery of them. vi. d. and for the writinge vi. d. and not aboue.

And it is also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that all inquisitions and offices to be founde by vertue of any such writtes or commissions, shalbe returned by the exchecours or commissioners, to whom such writtes or commissions shall be directed into the said chauncerie, or into suche other courtes, from whence such writtes or commissions were awarded, in such maner and forme, and vpon such paines as is limited by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases. And that the clerkes of the pettie bag shall receiue suche offices, and make a transcript therof from time to time to the said maister of the wardes and lueries, in like maner and forme as they are bounden and haue ben accustomed to do in to the kinges elschequer & vpon suche peines as be limited and appointed by the lawes and statutes of the realme in suche cases.

And it is also enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the said maister of the wardes and lueries, and the surueiour attourney and generall, receiuer of the said courtes, or thre or two of them, wherof the said maister or surueiour to be one, shall haue power and auctoritee by vertue of this present acte, after suche offices and inquisitions founde as is aforesaid, to couenant and indent with euery person & persons for his & their luerie of the castels manours, lordshippes, landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, comprised or not comprised in such offices, & to make and set the rate and price for the same, and to appointe and stalle the daies of paymēt therof by obligation or obligations to be taken for the same to the kinge our soueraigne lord, whiche obligation and obligations so made and euery of them, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe, and shall be of like auctoritee and strengthe as obligations to be taken by auctoritee of the same court of the kinges wardes be of, by vertue of the saide former acte. And that all and singuler billes for any special or general luerie to be sued, assigned by the handes of the said maister surueiour attourney receiuer or thre or two of them, wherof the said maister

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mayster or surueyours to be one, shal be a good and sufficient warrant as wel to the Chauncellour of Englande, as to the Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, and to all other Chauncellours and offycers, hauinge power to passe lyueries vnder any of the kynges seales, for the makynge out sealyng and delyuerie of any lyueries, accorbynge to the tenour purpozte and effecte of suche bylles, with other clauses of course necessary for the same, any lawe or custome to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the lord priuie seale, the lord greate Chaumberlaine, the kynges chiefe and principal secretaries, the maister of the Rolles, & the kinges clarkes of the signet & priuie seale, the clarkes of the petty bag, and all and euery other offycer and officers, and clarkes in the Chauncery or elles where in any other courtes, where suche lyueries shal passe, shal haue and be payed all suche theyr fees as hath bene accustomed: all whiche fees shal be receyued and payed by the handes of the clarkes of the petty bag, yf the lyuerie be sued in the Chauncery, or by other Clarkes, by whose handes lyueries shalbe written in other courtes, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euery person and persons from henceforth may sue at theyr pleasure a generall lyuerie for any manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions remainders or other hereditamentes, wherof the clere perely value shal not excede .xx. li. after office therof by writ or comyssion founde returned and certyfied as is aforesayd.

¶ Provided alwayes that no such liuerie shal passe or be sued without a byl or warrtaunt to be fyrst obtained for the same from the sayd master of the warres and liueries, and the sayd surueyours attourney and general receiuer or thye of them, and sygned and subscribed with the names and handes of the sayd mayster surueyours attourney and general receiuer or thye of them, as is aforesayde.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that yf the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof a generall liuerie may be sued by auctoritie of this acte, excede the clere perely value of .v. li. that then suche as shal sue and haue suche generall lyuerie for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, excedynge the clere perely value of .v. li. shal paye for the seale therof .xx. s. iiii. d. and all other suche fees as heretofore in suche cases hath ben accustomed in and vpon the suing of any generall liueries. And if the landes tenementes and hereditamentes, wherof any suche generall lyuerie shal be sued, excede not the clere perely value of .v. li. that then euery person and persones, suinge for any generall lyuerie for any landes tenementes rentes reuertions remainders or other hereditamentes, not excedynge the clere perely value of .v. li. shal paye suche fees as hereafter foloweth and none other: That is to say, for the seale of euery suche lyuerie .xii. d. And to the clarkes of the petty bag for the wrytyng and entollyng therof. xx. d. And for the respite of homage in the hanapar. viii. d. And to the lord great Chaumberlayne. xx. d. And to the mayster of the Rolles. xx. d.

And to the clarke of the lyuerpes for the warrante and enrolynge of the lyuerp. xx. d.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that no person or persones shall pay in the kynges Eschequer or any other courtes for the respite of homage, of or for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof the clere yerely value exceedeth not .v. li. aboue. viii. d. And for the entrynge therof and warrant of attourney aboue. iiii. d. And that the value of suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes not exceedynge the yerely value of. xx. li. shal be taken as it is lympted in the offyces founden therof, excepte by the examination and certificate of the sayde maister of the wardes and lyueries, and the sayd surueyout attourney and general recepuour or thye of them as is aforesayde, it shall otherwyle appere and be declared in any of the kynges courtes.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that all and euery such person and persons, whiche shall be named and certifyed in to the kynges chancery by the lord Treasorer of Englande, to be Eschetour shall within one moneth nexte after his letters patentes shall be offered vnto hym, take vpon hym the execution of the same office, or elles appere in the sayde Eschequer, and shew a reasonable cause why he ought not so to do. And yf any such person so named and certifyed to be Eschetour, do not appere as is aforesayde within one moneth next after noyce to him gyuen as is aforesayd, nor shew any reasonable cause why he ought not to do the same: that then he shal lose and forsayte for euery suche default. xx. li. to the kyng our soueraigne lord to be leuyed to his maiesties vse in any his highnes courtes of Record.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that no Eschetour after the fyfthe daye of Maye next comynge, shall lytte onely by vertue of hys offyce for inquirie of the tenure tytle or value of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, where the same landes tenementes or hereditamentes bene of the value of. v. li. by the yere or aboue, and holden of the kyng, without the kynges wytt to be directed to hym for the same, vpon peyne to lose and forsayte for euery tyme that he shall syt and make inqury contrary to the fourme of this estatute. v. li. And that any Eschetour shall take for the fyndynge of any offyce of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that shall not exceede the clere yerely value of. v. li. aboue the summe of .xv. s. That is to saye for the exchetours fee. vi. s. viii. d. and for the wyptynge of the offyce. iiii. s. iiii. d. and for the charges of the iury. iiii. s. And for the offycers and ministers that shal receyue the sayd offyce in any court of record. ii. s. vpon peyne that euery Eschetour offendynge thys acte shall lose and forsayte for euery tyme so offendynge. v. li. And that the offycers and ministers of euery court of Record, where such inquisitions shal be returned, beyng offered vnto them within one moneth nexte after the fyndynge therof, shal receyue and take the same, vpon peyne to lose and forsayte for euery tyme offendynge thys act. v. li. The one moytie of all whiche forsayture aforesayde shall be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, & the other moytie therof to the party that wyl sue for the same in any

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in any of the kynges courtes of recoꝝde, in which suite the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, noꝝ any pꝛotectiō oꝝ essoyne shall be allowed.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoꝝitie afoꝝesayde, that if the sayde suruey-our of the lueries, oꝝ the clerke of the same, do wyllyngly withdꝛaw oꝝ concele any recoꝝde oꝝ pꝛofyt, that shulde come oꝝ growe to the kynges maiestie his heyres oꝝ successours, by reason of the same: that then he oꝝ they so offendyng shall lose to the kyng our soueraygne loꝝde his heyres and successours the double value of the thyng so concealed oꝝ withdꝛawen, the same to be leui- ed and recouered agaynst such persons so offendyng vpon an informatiō therof to be made by the partie greued. And the same dewelpe pꝛoued in the same court of the wardes and lueries.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoꝝitie afoꝝesayde, that the sayde maister foꝝ the tyme beinge shall haue power and auctoꝝitie to take recognisaunces of all and euery personne and personnes, that shal be called into the court of the wardes and lueries, to answer to any matter alleged agaynst them in the sayde courte, to make there dayly apparaunce in the sayde court, to answer to suche matter as to them then and there from tyme to tyme shalbe alleged. And that all such recognisaunces, of what summe so euer they be, shal be as good and effectuell in the lawe to al intentes and purposes, as recogni- saunces taken in the kynges highe courte of chauncery oꝝ elles where befoꝝe any iudge of recoꝝde within this realme. And that the sayde maister foꝝ the tyme beinge, with the aduice of the courte, oꝝ of such number of the same, as then shalbe pꝛesent, so that they be two besydes the sayde maister, shall haue full power and auctoꝝitie to moderate suche recognisaunces as be oꝝ shall be there foꝝsayd, and to sette fines foꝝ the same to the kynges vse, vnder the summes conteyned in the sayde recognisaunces: The same fines to be leui- ed by lyke pꝛoces of Scire facias, as by the statute made in the .xxvii. yere of our soueraygne loꝝde the kynges reygne is gyuen to the chauncellour of the courte of augmentation of the reuenues of his graces crowne. And that the sayde maister foꝝ the tyme beinge, with the aduise afoꝝesayde, shall haue po- wer and auctoꝝitie to commit to warde any person oꝝ persons foꝝ his oꝝ theyꝝ disobedience contempt oꝝ other offense made oꝝ to be made, triable within the kynges sayde courte of the wardes and lueries, and vpon the sayd matters oꝝdered oꝝ decreed there, to deliuer them from pꝛysonne, and to cancel and make voyde all recognisaunces and obligations taken oꝝ hereafter to be ta- ken in the same courte to the kynges vse, when and as often as the sayd mai- ster, with the aduise of the sayde courte oꝝ thꝛe of them, shall se and perceyue the matters and causes, foꝝ the whiche any suche recognisaunce oꝝ obliga- tion hath oꝝ hereafter shal happen to be taken, to be finished and ended, and the kynges grace his heyres oꝝ successours, oꝝ the partye ther vpon satisfied without any other warraunt foꝝ the same.

¶ And be it further enacted that all and euery such heyre and heyres, which hereafter shall be in case to sue luerie, where the landes and tenementes of the sayde heyre oꝝ heyres excede not the perely value of, v. li. that then euery

such heyre shall lawfully sue forth his general lyuery by warrant to be made and hadde from the sayd court of the kynges wardes and lyueries, as afoze sayde, althoughe there be none other inquisition oꝛ inquisitions therof then had ne certiffed, and that this acte shall be warrant sufficiente as well to the Chauncellour of England, Chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, and to all other Chauncellours and officers of the kynges courtes, haupng power to passe lyueries vnder any the kynges seales, foꝛ the makynge out sealyng and delyuery of any lyueries accoꝛdyng to the tenour purpoꝛte and effect of suche bylles, with other clauses of course necessary foꝛ the same, takynge foꝛ the fees of euerye suche lyuerie, as is befoze expꝛessed foꝛ the fees of general liueries, not excedynge the perely value of .v.li. as though the same lyuery were made and sued forth vpon an office found by vertue of the kynges wyrt, any lawe heretofore made oꝛ other thinge in this present acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie afozesayde, that all and euery person and persons, to whom the kynges highnes shall graunte any lyuerye in fourme afozesayde, to be sued vpon his byll assigned therof with the kynges most gracious hand, oꝛ with the handes of the officers of his graces court of the wardes and lyueries, as befoze is expꝛessed, sue foꝛ the his patente within thye monethes nexte after the assignement of the sayde byll, oꝛ els the same byll and the effect therof to be vtterly voyde and of none effect.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie afozesayd, that the clerkes of the petty bag in the Chauncery shall not be compelled to certifie any transcript of any offyce into the kynges Eschequer but twyse in the yere, that is to saye : They shall certifie the transcriptes of all offyces founden and retourned into the Chauncery betwene Easter and saynct Mychael the archangel perely in the terme of S. Michael : And the transcriptes of al offices founden and retourned into the said chauncery betwene Myghelmas and Easter, they shall certifie into the sayd Eschequer perely in the terme of Easter, and not otherwys, any thynge conteyned in this statute, oꝛ in any other statute heretofore made to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte noꝛ any thynge therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extende to be pꝛejudiciall oꝛ hurtfull to any royalties lyberties franchises pꝛiuileges, pꝛeeminences, and iurisdiccions, of the countie Palantine and duchy of Lancaster, oꝛ of any of them, but that the same royalties lyberties franchises pꝛiuileges pꝛeeminences and iurisdiccions and euery of them, shall styll continue and remayne to the countie Palantine and Duchy of Lancaster, as fully plenarly and holy as they dyd befoze the makynge of this acte, any thynge in the same acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

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In acte to procede by a commission of Oyer and Determiner against
such persons as shall confesse treason. &c. without remain-
dyng the same to be tryed in the County where the of-
fence was committed. Cap. xxiii.



FORASMUCHE as dyuers and sundry persons vpon great
groundes of vehemente suspitions, as well of highe treason
petty treason and misprisions of treason, as of murders, be
many tymes sente for frome diuers the Countyes and places of
this realme, & other the kynges domynions, to the kynges
maiesties great charges and expences, to be examined before
the kynges highnes counsell vpon theyr offences, to thintent that conuiction
or declaration of suche persons shuld spedilye ensue, as the merites of theyr
cases shuld require. And albeit that after great tra uaple taken in the exami-
nations of suche persons it appere to the sayde counsell by confessions witness
or vehement suspecte, that suche persones be rather gyltye of suche offences,
wherof they be so examyned, than otherwyle: yet neuerthelesse suche offen-
dours so examyned, by the course of the common lawe of this realme, multe
be indyted within the Countyes or places where they committed theyr offences,
and also tryed by the inhabytantes or freholders of suche Countyes and places,
although by theyr confessions or by sufficient witness theyr offences be certain-
ly knowen to the kynges counsell: by reason wherof, besyde the tra uaple and
pynes of the kynges maiesties counsell in such cases, the kynges highnes is
oftentymes put to greate charges and expences, in remaundinge suche per-
sons to the countreyes where they offended, there to be indyted and tryed of
theyr offences. And sometyme the inhabytautes and freholders of the Coun-
ties or places, where suche offences were done, be compellyd to appere out of
theyr Countyes and places for suche causes, to theyr great charges, for the trial
or declaration of suche offences: And sometyme by occasyon of the charges
for remaundyng of suche offendours to be indyted and tryed by the course
of the common lawe, suche offendours lye styll in pryson and be forgotten,
wherby many tymes by helpe of theyr confederates they escape unpunished,
to the great courage and euill example of euill doers. Be it therfore enacted
by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and by the assente of the lordes spirituall
and temporell, and the commons of this present parlyament assembled, and
by auctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, beyng examyned be-
fore the kynges counsell or thre of them, vpon any maner of treasons misprisi-
ons of treasons or murders, do confesse any suche offences, or that the sayd
counsell or thre of them, vpon suche examination, shall thynke any person so
examined, to be vehemently suspected of any treason misprisions of treasons
or murder: that than in euery suche case by the kynges commaundement, his
maiesties commission of oyer and terminer, vnder his highnes great seale,
shal be made by the Chancellour of Englande to suche persons, and into su-
che Countyes or places, as shall be named and apoynted by the kynges highnes

for the speedy tryall conuiction or deliuerance of suche offendours, whiche commissioners shal haue power and auctoritie to enquire here and determine all suche treasons mysprisions of treasons and murders, within the shires and places limited by theyr commission by suche good and lawfull persons as shalbe returned before them by the shireffe or his mynyster, or any other hauing power to returne writtes and pzoecs for that purpose, in what so euer other shire or place within the kynges dominions or withoute, suche offences of treasons mysprisions of treasons or murders soo examined, were done or committed, and that in suche cases no chalenge for the shire or hundred shall be allowed.

Provided that vppon the tryall of suche treasons mysprisions of treasons and murders, the chalenge to any iurer for lacke of freholde of the perely value of .xl.s. shall be allowed as hath ben accustomed.

Provided also that if any the peeres of the realme shall happen to be ended of any of the offences aforesayd by vertu of any such comission to be granted by auctoritie of this acte, yet neuerthelesse they shall haue theyr tryall by peeres in lyke maner and fourme as heretofore hath ben vled, any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any thyng to be done by vertue therof in any wyse not withstandynge. And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that peremptory chalenge shall not from hensforth be admitted or allowed in any cases of hygh treason nor mysprision of high treason.

An acte that no man shall be Justice of Assyse in his owne countrey. Cap. xxiii.



WHERE in the parlyament holden in the. viii. yere of kyng Rycharde the seconde it was enacted ordeyned and established, that no man lerned in the lawes of thys realme, shulde frome thensforth be iustyce of assyse in the countrey where he dwelleth: And that the chiefe iustice of the common place shulde be from thensforth assigned among other iustices to the takynge of the sayde assyses, but as the chiefe iustice of the kynges benche there shulde be doone and vled, as hath ben vled for the most part by the space of one hundred yeres next before as by the sayd act moze at large it doth and may appere. Synge the makynge of which sayde good acte and lawe dyuers iustices and men lerned in the lawes of this realme, haue by theyr owne meanes industry and policy, and for theyr owne commoditie and ease, obteyned contrary to the forme of the sayde acte, to be iustices of assyses in the countreys and counties where they were borne, or were inhabiting, wherby some gelacy of theyr affection and fauour towarde theyr kynsemen allyance and frendes within the sayde countreys or countyes, whete they were so borne or inhabiting, hath bene conceyued and had agaynst them by the kynges most louynge subiectes of the same cuntreys and counties. For reformation wherof, the kynges most louynge subiectes, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, most humbly besech and

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and despye the kynges maiesty, and that it be enacted by the kynges maiesty, with the assente of the lordes spirytuall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this pꛛesent parliament assembled, and by auctoꝛyte of the same, that no iustyce noꝛ other man lerned in the lawes of thys realme, shal at any tyme from oꝛ after the feast of Easter nexte comming, vse noꝛ exercise the office of iustice of assise within any countye where the sayd iustyce was boꝛne oꝛ dothe inhabyte, vpon payne to forsayte for euery offence done contrary to the fourme of this pꛛesent act one hundred poundes, the moite wherof to be to our soueraine lord the kyng, and the other moitie therof to be to the partie that wyl sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by byll playnte information action of debte, oꝛ otherwise, in the whiche suite no pꛛotection essoine noꝛ wager of lawe shal be admytted noꝛ allowed.

¶ Pꛛouided alway and be it further enacted by the auctoꝛite aforesayd, that this acte oꝛ any thyng herein conteyned shal not extende be construed oꝛ interpretate to touche oꝛ concerne any persone oꝛ persons, that nowe are oꝛ here after shal be clerke oꝛ clerkes of assises, and shal be associate to any Justice of assise, of oꝛ in any county citie oꝛ towne within this realme of England where in the same person oꝛ persons clarke oꝛ clarkes so associate, do dwell oꝛ were boꝛne, but that all and euery clerke and clerkes of assyses, whiche nowe doo exercyse oꝛ occupy, oꝛ here after shal exercyse oꝛ occupy any office of clerkship of assyses, shal and maye excercyse and occupy the same in any county cty oꝛ towne wherein the same clarke oꝛ clarkes of assyses do dwelle, oꝛ were boꝛne, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Pꛛouided also that these termes, Justices of assises, oꝛ other persons lerned in the lawes of the realme, shal not extende oꝛ in any wyse be interpretate to any mayres shyppes recorders stewardes baylyffes sewters oꝛ other officers beyng boꝛne oꝛ dwelling within any citie borough oꝛ towne within this realme of Englande, but that they may be iustices of assyses, of freche force, oꝛ of other assises in the same ctyte borough oꝛ towne, where he oꝛ they doo oꝛ shal dwell, oꝛ were boꝛne, as they oꝛ any of them befoꝛe this tyme haue oꝛ myght haue ben to all ententes and purposes, any thinge in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Pꛛouided alway, that this acte noꝛ any thyng therein conteyned, shal be pꛛejudiciall to any iustice oꝛ iustices of the one benche oꝛ the other, for taking heyring oꝛ determining assises in the sayde courtes in the one benche oꝛ the other, noꝛ to any iustice that shal take any assise by oꝛ vpon adiournement for difficultie of the same.

¶ Pꛛouided alwaye and be it enacted that any clerke of assise, durynge the onely tyme of the session, of oꝛ for any assise oꝛ assises, oꝛ of oꝛ for any Nisi prius, shal not be of counsell with any person oꝛ persons within any circuite wherof he shal be clerke of assyse, otherwyse than to that office onely appertayneth, vpon payne to forsayte for euery tyme offendynge contrary to thys estatute. x. li. the one moitye therof to be to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the other moitye to the partie greued, to be sued in any of the kinges courtes of

tes of recoꝛde by action of debte, byll playnte, information, oꝛ other wyse, in whiche supꝛe no esoyne pꝛotectiõ wazer of lawe oꝛ other dilatoꝛye plea shal admitted oꝛ allowed.

¶ Pꝛouyded also and be it enacted by the auctoꝛitte abouesayd, that this act oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned, extende not vnto the iustices iustice clerkes oꝛ clerke of assyses, within our soueraygne loꝛde the kynges Duchy and county palantyne of Lancaster, noꝛ to any of them that now be oꝛ hereafter shall be, but that the same iustices iustice clerkes and clerke, and euerye of them, shall and maye execute theyꝝ offyces and euery of them, in suche maner and fourme as they oꝛ any of them haue vsed to do befoꝛe the makynge of thys pꝛesent acte, this acte oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary thereof notwithstandinge.

¶ An acte foꝛ the makynge free certayne children boꝛne beyonde the sea, and to put the same children in the nature of mere englyshemen. Cap. xxv.

Where Thomas Boyntz of London grosser, occuppence the feate of marchandys in the parties beyond the sea, married there a woman of that countrey boꝛne, and had by her in laufull matrimony dyuers chyldꝛen yet lyuyng, whiche intende by goddes grace to be the kynges faythfull and obedient subiectes: where also wylliam Castelyn of London mercer, occuppence in the parties of Aquant, within the cite of Chio in Grecia, toke to his wife one Angeleta, daughter of Mychael Villacho of the same cytye, and had by her in laufull matrimony a sonne callyd Edward yet lyuyng, whiche lykewyse intendeth by goddys grace to be the kynges faythfull and obedyent subiecte. And where also John Dymocke, late one of the gentylmen vshers of the kynges moste honorable chamber, was in the parties beyonde the sea, that is to wytte in Andwarpe in the countrey of Brabande, about the kynges affayres, and there toke to his wyfe Beatrice, daughter of one John van Cleue, and hadde by her in laufull matrimony a sonne called John Dymocke yet lyuyng, which intendeth (god wyllpunge) to be the kynges feythfull and obedyent subiecte: wherfoꝛe be it enacted and establyshed by the kynges hyghnes, with the assente of the loꝛdes spyꝛituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in thys pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by the auctoꝛitte of the same, that as welles the sayde John Dymocke, the sonne of John Dymocke, and Edward Castelyn, as all the sayde chyldꝛen of the sayde Thomas Boyntz now boꝛne and euerye of theym, shall be from hensfoꝛthe reputed and taken the kynges naturall subiectes, as laufull persones boꝛne within thys realme of Englande, and as fre persones, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as yf they and euerye of them hadde bene boꝛne within thys realme of Englande, and also shall frome hensfoꝛthe by the sayde auctoꝛitte, be enabled and adiudged able to all intentes constructions and purposes, as well to

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to demaunde challenge haue and enioye landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as heire or heyres to any of his or theyr auncestours, by reason one-lye of any discent righte or title, whiche after the fyfthe daye of this parlyament shall discente accrue come or growe vnto them or to any of theym, and to haue and enioye landes tenementes and hereditamentes by waye of purchase or gyft of any persone or persons, as also for to prosecute and defende all maner of actions and suites, and all other laufull thynges what so euer to do as lyberally frankly laufully surely and freely, as yf they and euerye of them had bene naturally bozne within this realme of Englande, and as any other person or persons naturally bozne within this realme of England may laufully do, any lawe acte statute custome or dynaunce or other thyng what so euer had made done ordeyned proclaymed or prouided to the contrary hereof in any wyse not withstandinge.

An acte to make frustrate certayne conueyances deuyled by
sy: John Shelton. Cap. xxvi.



WHERE sy: John Shelton knyght decessed, beyng a man of great possessions in his lyfe tyme, by the aduise of synister counsell practised deuyled and made by couayne diuers crafty deedes estates and other conueyances in the lawe, as well vnto hym selfe as to other personnes, of and in his manours landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in the counties of Norfolke and Suffolke, not onely to the entente to disceyue and exclude the kynges maiestie of his primer sealon prerogatiue wardshyp and rightes of and in the premises, but also to the intent to dysceyue and exclude the nobles and other the kynges lounge subiectes of theyr wardshyp reliefes and such lyke seruike, as shulde accrue growe and come vnto them by reason of theyr tenures in the premises, that is to wytte: The sayde sy: John Shelton, by his dede indented, bearynge date the fyftene daye of December, in the. xxvi. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lord kyng Henry the. viii. dyd infeoffe of and in dyuers of his manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes in the sayd counties of Norfolke and Suffolke, one John Wynnes, to haue vnto hym and to his heyres vpon condition, that the same John Wynnes within fyftene dayes then next ensuing shuld by his dede indented gyue the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes to the sayd sy: John Shelton and his assignes for terme of. lxxxix. yeres, then nexte folowynge, without impechement of waste, the remaynder therof after the same terme ended to Rauffe Shelton gentylman, sonne and heyre apparant of John Shelton esquyre, sonne and heyre of the sayd sy: John Shelton, and to the heyres males of the body of the sayde Rauffe Shelton gentylman laufully begotten: and for defaule of suche issue the remaynder thereof to the heyres males of the body of the sayd sy: John Shelton laufully begotten, with dyuers other remaynders ouer, as by the sayd dede indented amonges other thynges ther

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in rote ned moze playnly is shewed & may appere. And also the said sy^r John Shelton, by one other dede indented bearing date the sayd fyfete ne day of September, in the sayd. xxi. yere of our sayde soueraygne lo^rde the kynges reigne, dyd gyue diuerse other of his manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes to the sayd John Wynnes, to haue vnto hym and to his heyres vpon condition, that the said John Wynnes within fyfete ne days then next folowynge shulde by his dede indented gyue the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes to dame Anne then wyfe of the said sir John Shelton for terme of her lyfe, the remaynder therof after her decease to the sayde sy^r John Shelton for terme of his lyfe, without impechement of waste, and after his decease the remaynder therof to the sayde John Shelton Esquier, without impechement of waste, for terme of. lxx. yeres (if he soo longe lyued) and after the same terme determined, the remaynder therof to the said Raufe Shelton gentilman, and to the heyres males of his body laufully begotten, and for defaulte of such issue the remaynder therof to the heyres males of the body of the sayd sir John Shelton laufully begotten, with dyuers other remaynders ouer. And mozeouer the sayde sy^r John Shelton by the same his dede indented dyd gyue dyuers other of his manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in the sayde counttes of Nozfolke and Suffolke, to the sayde John Wynnes, to haue vnto hym and to his heyres and assignes for euer vpon condition that the same John Wynnes, within. xv. days then next folowynge, shuld by his dede indented gyue the same manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes to the sayd dame Anne for terme of. lxxxix. yeres, then nexte folowynge, and if the sayde dame Anne shoulde fortune to dye within the same terme, thenne the remaynder therof to the sayd sir John Shelton his executours and assignes during the resydue of the same terme, and after the same terme ended, than the same p^remysse to remayne to the sayde Raufe Shelton gentilman, and to the heyres males of his body laufully begotten, and for defaulte of suche issue the remaynder therof to the heyres males of the body of the sayde sy^r John Shelton laufully begotten, with dyuers other remaynders ouer, as by the same dede indented amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze playnely is shewed and maye appere. And as it appereth as well by wrytynge as otherwyse, the sayde John Wynnes after that by his seuerall dedes indented, bearing date in the sayde moneth of September, executed seuerall estates of and in all and syngular the p^remysse, accordynge to the sayde seuerall dedes of feoffement with conditi- ons therein conteyned. And moze ouer the sayde sy^r John after that declared his laste wyll of and in the p^remysse for and to thincerte aforesayde. Al whi- che matters after the deathe of the sayde sy^r John Shelton, beyng reueled vnto the kynges moste royall maiestie, was by his graces commaundement delyberately examined befoze the lo^rdes of his moste honorable counsell, be- fore whom vpon the examination therof it playnely appered, as well by the confessions of the patties and deuyfours of the same wrytynge and dedes, as otherwise, that the said dedes estates wll & other conueiances, made in the

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lyle of the sayde sy^r John Shelton, were deuyled had and made by coueyne, for and to thintent aforesayd, by reason wherof the sayd John Shelton esquier sonne and heyre of the sayd sy^r John Shelton, being aboue the age of .xxi. yeres at the tyme of the deathe of his sayde father, dyd sue a specyall lyuery out of the kynges maiesties handes, of and in all the sayde manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as heyre vnto the sayde sy^r John hys father, as of recoorde moze playnly appereth. For the playne declaration of the aduoydng and adnichilatng of the sayd crafty and boyde dedes estates wyl and conueyances, deuyled by fraude and coueyne as is aforesayde: Be it ordeyned established and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that all and syngular the sayd dedes estates wyl and other conueyances had and made as is aforesayde, and the possessions and lyuery of season therupon made and deliuered acco^rdyngly, and also al and syngular gyftes grauntes remaynders reuertions artycles clauses and wordes in theym and euerye of them conteyned, be demed and adiudged clerely voyde and of none effecte, to all intentes constructions and purposes. And that the sayd sy^r John Shelton, by the auctoritie of this present parlyment, be demed reputed & adiudged in actual and real possession at the tyme of hys deathe of, and in al & syngular the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, of the same or like estate of inherytance, as if no such dede or dedes estates wyl or other coueyances had neuer ben had or made, and also of the same estate of enheritaunce, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes were in the sayde sy^r John Shelton at or before the makynge of the sayd seuerall dedes estates wyl and other conueyances, the sayd dedes estates wyl and conueyances or any of them, or any thyng in them or any of them conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull vnto the sayd dame Anne Shelton, for or concernyng any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes assygned or appoynted sythen the deathe of the sayd sy^r John vnto the same dame Anne onely for terme of her life, by reason of a warde made by the high and mighty prince Thomas Duke of Norffolk, lord Treasourer of England, or by any couenant bonde or agreement had or made by the sayd John Shelton esquier sythen the deth of the sayd sy^r John Shelton, any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte for leases of hospitals colleges, & other corporations to be good and effectuell with the consent of the moze partye. Cap. xxvii.



ALBEIT that by the comon lawes of thys realme of England, all assentes elections grauntes and leases, had made and graunted by the deane wardeyn prouost maister presidente or other gouernour of any cathed^rall churche hospitall college or other corporation, by what so euer name they be incorporate or founded, with

With the assent and consent of the more or greater parte of the sayd chapter fellows or brethren of suche corporation, hauinge voices of assente therunto be as good and effectual in the lawe to the grauntees and lessees of the same, as if the residue or the hole number of suche chapter fellows and brethren of suche corporation hauinge voices of assente, had therunto consented and agreed: yet the sayd common lawes not withstandinge, dyuers founders of suche deaneries hospitalles colleges & corporations within this said realme haue vpon the foundation and establisshement of the same deaneries hospitalles colleges and other corporations establisshed and made amonges other the sayd peculiar actes, locall statutes and ordynaunces, that if any one of such corporation hauinge power or auctoritie to assent or disassent, shuld and wold deny any such graunt or grauntes, that then no such lease election or graunt shuld be had graunted or leased, and for the perfoꝛmaunce of the same euery person hauinge power of assent to the same, haue ben and be dayly therunto swoꝛne, and so the residue may not procede to the perfection of such elections grauntes and leases, accoꝛdyng to the course of the common lawes of this realme, oneles they shuld incurre the daunger of perjury. For the aduoyding wherof and for the due execution of the common lawe vniuersally within this realme and euery place in one confoꝛmity of reason to be vsed: Be it ordeined establisshed and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that al and euery peculiar act order rule and estatute heretofore made, or hereafter to be made by any founder or founders of any hospital colledge deanery or other corporation, at or vpon the foundation of any such hospital college deanery or corporation, wherby the graunt lease gyfte or election of the gouernour or ruler of such hospytall college deanery or other corporation, with the assent of the more parte of suche of the same hospital college deanery or corporation, as haue or shall haue voyce of assent to the same, at the tyme of suche graunt lease gyft or election hereafter to be made, shulde be in any wyse hyndered or let by any one or mo being the lesser number of suche corporation, contrarie to the fourme order and course of the common lawe of this realme of Englande, shal be from hencefoꝛth clerely frustrate voyd and of none effect. And that all othes heretofore taken by any person or persons of such hospital college deanery and other corporation, shalbe for and concernyng the obseruance of any suche order estatute or rule, demed voyde and of none effect. And that from hencefoꝛth no maner person or persons of any suche hospytall colledge deanery or other corporation, shal be in any wyse compelled to take any othe for the obseruyng of any suche order estatute or rule, vpon the peyn of euery persone gyuyng such othe, to forsaite for euery tyme so offendyng. v. li. the one moꝛtye therof to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord the kynge, and the other moꝛtye therof to any of the kynges subiectes, whiche wyl sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes of recoꝛde by actyon of debte, bylle, playnt, information or otherwyse, wherin the defendante shal not be admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor esoyne, or any other delatoꝛye plea admytted or allowed.

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An acte for the chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, the chauncellour of the augmentations, and certayne other noble men to reteyne chapleyns. Cap. xxviii.



WHERE in the parliament holden at Westm, in the xxi. yere of your most gracious reigne, it was amonges other thinges ordeined and prouided, that certayne honorable persons and other of your highnes counsellours and officers, as well spiritual as temporal, shulde & moughte haue chapleyns beneficed with cure, to serue and attende vpon them in their houses, which chapleyns shal not incurte the danger of any penalty or forfeiture made or declared in the same parliament, for none residue vpon their said

benefices, or for obteynning licēces for dispensacions of pluralities, in which acte is no prouision made for any the head officers of your graces severall courtes of your Duchy of Lancaster, the courtes of augmentations of the revenues of your highnes crowne, the first frutes and tenthes, the maister of your maiesties wardes & lieries, the generall surueyours of your graces landes, & other your graces courtes. In consideration wherof it maye please your maiestie, that it may be enacted by your highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same, that the Chauncellour of the said court of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Chauncellour of your highnes courte of augmentations, the chauncellour of your graces courte of first frutes & tenthes, the maister of your highnes wardes and lieries, and euery of your graces generall surueyours of your highnes landes, the treasurer of your graces chamber, the treasurer of your highnes courte of augmentations, and the grome of your graces stoule, & euery of them for the tyme being shall & may reteyne singulerly to euery of them in his house, or attendant vnto his person, one chapleyn hauing one benefice with cure of soules, which may be absent from his said benefice, & not resident vpon the same, the saide estatute made in the saide. xxi. yere of your most gracious reigne, or any other estatute acte or ordinance made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alway and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery of the said chapleyns, so beinge beneficed as is aforesaid, & dwelling with any the officers afoze named, shall personally repaie two tymes in euery yere at the least to his saide benefice and cure, and there to tary & abide by the space of. viii. dayes at euery suche tyme at the leaste, to visite and instructe his saide cure, vpon the peyne to forfeite for euery tyme so faulynge xl. s. the one moytie therof to the kynge our soveraygne lord, the other to such as wyl sue for the same by action of dette byll playnte or information in any of the kynges courtes of record, in which suite no esoyne protection or wager of lawe shall be allowed.

An act to enable persons late religious to sue and to be sued. Cap. xxx.



WHERE in the parliament holden at Westmynster, the. xxviii. day of April. in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord Henry the. viii. by the grace of god kynge of Englande Fraunce and Irelande, defendour of the faith, & of the church of Englande and also of Irelande in erthe the supreme head: It was and is ordeyned & enacted by auctoritie of the said parliament, that al and singuler such religious persones, as well men as women professed, of what order rule or habite so ever thei were, whiche thenne were or after that time shoulde be put at their liberties from the daungier servitude & condicion of their religion & profession, wherunto thei were professed, by reason of suppression dissoluyng or forfeiture by attainder rendering or otherwise gyvinge to the handes of the kinges maiesty, their houses monasteries and possessions: shulde, by auctoritie of the said parliament, from and after the first day of the same parliament, and from and after the tyme that thei were or shuld be put at such libertie, have free libertie to purchase to them and to their heyres in fee simple fee tayle for terme of lyfe for yeres or at wyl, manours landes tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditamentes and thinges what so ever thei were, in lyke maner and fourme as though thei or any of them had never ben professed nor entred into any such religion, and that the same religious persons & every of them, by auctoritie of the said act of parliament, shuld be able to sue and to be sued in all maner of actions plaintes & suites, what so ever thei were of and for any matter or cause growen sithens and after the tyme of their severall deraynmentes or departing out of their religion, in all courtes places and iurisdiccions within this realme of Englande, as other the kinges subiectes were, and that thei and every of them shulde and might from that tyme vse and exercise receyve take have and enjoy al and every lawfull thing and thinges fro thenforth to be growen fallen or happened vnto them or any of the, after the saide deraynement or departing out of their religion, in as large and ample maner fourme and condicion, as if thei had never ben professed nor entered in to religion, this same profession or religion, or any law custome or vse within the said realme of Englande to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstanding, as by the said acte amonge other articles clauses and prouisos more plainly appereth. And for as much as diuerse ambiguities & doubtcs daily do arise, whether the said acte extend vnto such late religious persons as were in diuers late religious houses and monasteries, which by the kinges highnes were immediately transposed and translated from their religion and olde corporation into a newe corporation, and neuer came and remayned in his gracious handes, neither by suppression, dissoluyng, forfeiture by attainder, ne suche lyke, accor dyng to the wordes of the saide former acte,

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In aduoydpyng of whiche sayd ambiguities and doubttes: Be it nowe ordeined and enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, and that the sayd act of parlyament aboue remembred, made in the sayde. xxxi. yere, shall extende as well to all suche persons, whiche be lyuyng, that were relygious persons in any of the sayde houses, whiche wer so translated and transposed from one coꝝpozation into an other, whiche at any tyme was professed oꝝ were religious personnes, in any of the sayde houses within this realme of Englande, and that they and euerye of them from the tyme of theyꝝ sayde seuerall detaignement and dyscharge of theyꝝ sayd professions and religions, shall be in lyke qualitie estate conditiō and degree, and also shall take haue and enioy lyke benefyte cōmoditie profite and aduantage, and with lyke pꝛouiso onely, and not otherwysse, to euery entent and in euery thyng, as any other relygious persone oꝝ persons maye and shall haue, take, and enioye by vertue of the sayde foꝝmer acte aboue remembred, the same profession oꝝ religion, oꝝ any lawe custome oꝝ vse to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandyng.

CAn acte confyrmyng the auctoritie of the Deane and Chapter of Lichfeld, in makynge leases and other grauntes. Cap. xxx.



VHERE befoꝝe this tyme the chapter vnto the see and byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield, was the prioure and couent of the late priory oꝝ monastery of our blessed lady of Couentre, within the countie of the citie of Couentre. And the deane and chapter of the cathedꝛall church of Lichfelde in the countie of Staffoꝝde, by reason wherof all leases grauntes and estates, made of any the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices oꝝ any other thyng belongyng oꝝ appertayning vnto the said see and byshoppe, oꝝ wherof the byshop of the sayde see of Couentre and Lychfield foꝝ the tyme beinge, was sealed in the right of the sayd byshoppe, oꝝ going out of any of the sayd manours lādes tenemētes oꝝ hereditamentes belongyng vnto the same byshoppe, whiche shuld be good oꝝ of any effecte in the lawe, to bynde his successours in succession after the death of the sayde byshop of the sayd byshoppe foꝝ the tyme being grauntour lessour oꝝ gꝛuer of any the pꝛemisses, as is afoꝝesayde, ought to be made in wytyng by the same byshop foꝝ tyme beinge vnder his seale, & in his lyfe tyme to be also by wytyng sealed with the common seale of the priour and couent foꝝ the tyme beinge of the sayde late priory oꝝ monastery of Couentre, and also with the chapter seale of the deane and chapter foꝝ the tyme beyng of Lichfelde, ratified and confyrmed: whiche sayde priory oꝝ monastery of Couentre dyuers yeres nowe paste was lawfully dyscolued extincte and determyned, all be it sythen that tyme dyuers and sundꝛe gyftes grauntes and leases haue ben made in wytyng of and in parcel of the pꝛemisses, oꝝ going out of

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the same, by the nowre byshop of the sayd byshoppe, and also confirmed in wryting by the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesaid, vnder their chapter scale. And forasmuche as it is in doubt & question amonges dyuers persons, whether the confirmation of the said deane and chapter of Lichfield is sufficient in the lawe, to make perfite and good suche gyftes grantes and leases heretofore, sythen the dysolution of the sayd late priory, made or hereafter to be made in wrytyng by the byshop of the sayde see, or byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfelde for tyme beinge, of any manours landes tenementes hereditamentes, or other thyng belongyng to the same byshoppe, or goyng out of the same, and ratified and confirmed also in wryting by the deane and chapter of Lichfelde aforesaid, shuld be good and effectuell in the lawe, to bynde in succession the successours of the sayd nowre byshop, accordyng to the tenour purpozt and effect of the same gyftes grauntes leases and other wrytynges, so made by the sayde byshop, and confyrmied by the sayde deane and chapter of Lichfelde, as is aforesaid: by occasyon wherof, dyuers of the kynges subiectes, as well fermours and lessees for terme of lyfe lyfes and yeres, as other maye be put to great vexacions suppes troubles and losse of theyr goodes, to theyr great empoueryment. In eschewyng of which sayde ambiguities questions and doubttes, and of all suppes vexacions and troubles, that might ensue by meanes therof: Be it enacted ordeyned and established by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spiritual and tempoal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that al & singuler gyftes grantes leases & other wrytynges, at any time sythen the dysolution of the sayde late priory or monastery of Couentre made, or hereafter to be made by the byshop of Couentre and Lichfeld for the tyme beinge, in wrytyng vnder his scale, of any manours landes tenementes hereditamentes offices fees or any other thyng belonging to the sayd byshoppe, or going out of any the same premisses, and ratified and confirmed by the deane and chapter of Lichfelde for the tyme beinge in wrytinge vnder theyr chapter scale, shall be and stande good and effectuell in the lawe, to bynde in succession the successours of the sayd byshop, accordyng to the tenours purpozt and effectes of the same gyftes grauntes and leases, made and hereafter to be made in wrytyng by the sayd byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield for tyme beinge, and confyrmied by the deane and chapter of Lichfield as is aforesaid. And that by the same authoritie the deane and chapter of Lichfield aforesaid, and theyr successours for the tyme beinge, shalbe from henceforth for euer accepted taken reputed and adiudged to be the full entier and sole see and chapter of the sayde byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfelde, and belongyng and appertaynyng vnto the same byshoppe, in name nature auctoritie and qualtye, to all intentes, constructions, and poutpoles, as the sole chapter of the same byshoppe: And shall haue full power and auctoritie to ratyfye and confyrmie in wrytyng vnder theyr chapter scale, all and all maner gyftes, grauntes, and leases, hereafter to be made or graunted in wrytyng by anye byshoppe of the sayde

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sayd byshoppe of Couentre and Lichefeld for the tyme beinge, vnder his seale, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes belonging vnto the sayde byshoppe, or of any rentes offices or other yerely profytes out of the same manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any parcell therof, in as ample and large maner fourme and condytion, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the deane and chapter of saynte Paule in London for the tyme beinge, maye laufully ratifye or confirme in wrytyng vnder theyr chapter seale, any gyfte graunte or lease made or hereafter to be made in wrytyng by the byshop of London for tyme being, vnder his seale, of any landes tenementes offices or other profytes belonging to his byshoppe of London:

¶ Prouyded always, that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, do not extende to bynde any foundour or gyuer of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes of the said sea and byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfield, or therunto belonging, of for or concernyng all suche actions and suites, as they or any of them may shulde or ought to haue by reason of any alienation in fee symple or in fee tayle, hereafter to be made of any the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the sayd byshoppe of Couentre and Lichfelde, or of any part therof.

¶ Prouyded also, that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, extend not to any copholde landes of the same byshoppe, letten out by copy of court roll after custome and maner, but that the same copies, and the estate and estates of the copholders therein, shall contynue remaine and be of suche strength and effect, as al other copholders be accepted and taken by and in the lawe of this realme, and of no other strength or effect:

¶ Prouyded also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtful to the byshop of Chester for the tyme beinge, nor yet to the deane and chapter of Chester, for or concernyng any office or offices belongyng or appertaynyng vnto the same byshoppe of Chester, or to the deane and chapter of Chester aforesayde:

¶ An acte disseueryng the byshoppe of Chester, and of the ple of Man, from the iurisdiction of Canturbury, to the iurisdiction of yorke. Cap. xxxi.



VHERE AS THE KYNGES hyghnes of his most gracious goodnes, as well for the aduancement of Christis religion as for the better instruction of his subiectes in the lawes of God, hath by his letters patentes, bearyng date the. xvi. day of July, in the. xxxiii. yere of his noble reigne, erected, founded and establyshed in the late monastery of saynte Werberge, in his citie of Chester, a cathedrall churche, or byshops sea, wyllyng the same to be named and callyd the byshoppe or byshops sea of Chester, and to the same hathe

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appoynted lymytes and boundes of one perfect and entier diocese, ordeyning & wyllyng the same to be named and callid the diocese of Chester. And amonges other thynges hath appropried vnited and annexed to the sayd diocese of Chester, the archedeaconry of Richemont, and all the iurisdiction thereof, whiche archedeaconry was of late parcell of the dyocese of Yozke, and moze ouer hath the same hole and entier diocese of Chester, with all the lymittes and boundes, and all thynges annexed appropried and vnited to the same, decreed ordeyned and establyshed to be of the prouynce of the archebysshop of Canturbury, and vnder the iurisdiction metropolitical of the same, as in the same letters patentes dothe moze largely appere. For as moche as his sayde hyghnes graciously consydereth, that the sayd archbysshop of Canturbury hath a sufficient number of diocesses & suffragans vnder hym and in his prouynce, and that the archebysshop of Yozke hath within the realme of Englande onely two suffraganes, and moze ouer, that yf the sayde dyocese shulde remayne vnder the sayde archebysshop of Canturbury, that than all his hyghnes subiectes of all that dyocese of Chester, and so of the archedeaconry of Richemont, shulde be constrayned for appeles to resoꝛte to the audience of Canturbury, whyche thyng to many of the sayde dyocese, and specially to them of the archedeaconry of Richemont, shoulde be by reason of long iourney of almoste, iii. C. myles from somme places therof, intollerable fatigation and importable charges, and therfore tenderly, lyke a mooste gracypoule pryncce studyenge and caryng for his sayde subiectes most comynedittie quietnes and ease, vppon further delyberation hath with the aduyse of his most honozable counsaile determined and ordeyned to remoue and disseuer the sayd byshopryche and dyocese of Chester, from the said prouynce and archbysshopryche of Canturbury, and to vnite and annere the same to the prouynce and archbysshoprych of Yozke, as a dyocese membꝛe and byshoprych of the same: Be it therfore ordeyned enacted and establyshed by the kynges hyghnes, and by the consent of the lordes spirytual and tempozall, and the comunons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayde hole and entier dyocese of byshopryche of Chester, and euery parcell and membꝛe therof, be from hens forth vnited and annexed to the prouynce and archebysshopryche of Yozke, as a dyocese and byshopryche of the same. And that from hensforth the sayde dyocese of Chester, and euery parcell therof, exempte as well as not exempte, be and be taken named and reputed to be of the prouynce and archebysshopryche of Yozke, and of the metropolitall iurisdiction of the same, to euery effecte and purpose, accordyng to the ecclesiastical lawes of this realme: and that the bishop of the same, that now is, and all other his successours, shall be suffraganes to the archebysshoppe of Yozke that now is; and his successours, and to the same shalle owe theyꝝ obedience, and be vnder the iurisdiction metropolitall of the same as well they as the deane and chapiter of Chester, and all the archdeacons and the hoole clergye, and all others the kynges subiectes, beyng within the lymittes and boundes of the sayde diocese, any thyng comprised

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ted in the sayde letters patentes of the erection of the sayde dyocesse and bysshoppiche of Chester not withstandynge. And from henceforwarde nother the sayde bysshoppe of Chester, nother the clergye, nor any others the kynges subiectes, beyng of the sayde dyocesse of Chester, shall recognyse the archebysshoppe of Canturburpe as theyr Metropolitane, but onely the archebysshoppe of Yorke, and his successours, and to the same shall obeye in all thynges accorдынge to the lawes, as well temporall as ecclesiasticall of this realme.

¶ Be it also further enacted and establyshed by the kynges hyghnesse, with the assente of the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyamente assemblyd, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the bysshoppiche and dyocesse of Manne, in the Ile of Manne, be alsoo annexed, adioyned, and vnyted to the sayde prouynce and Metropolitall iurisdiction of Yorke, in all poyntes and to all pourposes and effectes, as the sayde bysshoppiche of Chester is annexed adioyned and vnyted to the same.

¶ **PROVYDED** ALVVAYES, AND be it enacted by our soueraygne lord the kyng, with the assente of the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assemblyd, and by the auctoritie of the same, that this acte be not preiudyciall to the archebysshoppe of Canturburpe now beyng, nor to his successours, nor to the deane and chapter of the same, ne to any other bysshoppe or chapyter of this realme, but that all places landes promotions possessions as well spyrituall as temporall, being and lyenge without the boundes and lymites of the archedecontries of Richmond and Chester, and without the boundes and lymyttes of the cytie of Chester, and the countye of the same, and the counties of Lancaster and Chester, or any of theym, shall be styll of the prouynce of Canturburpe, and of suche dyocesse and dyocesces as they were of afore the erection of the sayde bysshoppiche of Chester, and of the iurisdiction of the same, and not of the prouynce of Yorke, ne shall be accompted to be any parcell of the sayd dyocesse of Chester, any thyng in this presente acte, or in the boke of erection of the sayde bysshoppiche of Chester, not withstandynge. Sauynge to the byshop of Chester, and his successours, that his howse at Weston, beyng within the dyocesse of Couentre and Lichefeld, shall be accompted and taken to be of his dyocesse, and that he beyng resident in the same, shalbe taken and accompted as resident in his owne diocesse, and for the tyme of his abode there, shall haue iurisdiction in the same, lykewyse as all other bysshoppes haue in the howses belongynge to theyr sees, where so euer they lye, in any other byshopiche within this realme for the tyme of theyr abode in the same, any thyng in this present acte and prouysyon to the contrarie therof in any wyse notwithstandynge.

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An acte for the paryshe church of Whytegate to be made a paryshe church of it selfe, and no part of the paryshe of Duer. Cap. xxxii.



HERE AS BY THE dysolution of the late monasterie Waleropall, within the countye of Chester, a certayne church, standynge at the abbeye gate of the sayde late monasterie, amongest other the possessyons landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the sayd late monastery, is comen vnto the handes and possession of the kynges highnes, by reason that the sayde church was belongynge to the sayde late monastery, whyche church befoze the tyme of remembraunce of man, by the vsurped bulles and auctoritie of the bysshop of Rome, was made and ordeyned to be a paryshe church, as wel for al and euery the tenauntes and inhabitauntes dwellynge of in and vpon the demeanes of the sayde late monastery, and of in and vpon al other newe incroced grounde within the lyberties of the sayde late monastery, and the graunges of the same, as for dyuers other the tenants of the sayde late monastery, dwellynge in Forwist Gaiyl Sakerlwal Duer Derton, the Brokehous, and all other howses and graunges, woddes waters pastures and medowes within the precinct of the paryshe of Duer, wherof the sayd late abbot was person in the sayde countie of Chester, by reason wherof the sayd tenants and inhabytauntes haue contynually, tyme out of mynde, come and resorted vnto the sayd paryshe church of Whytegate, within whiche tyme they haue continually receyued sacramentes and sacramentals at and in the sayd paryshe church of Whytegate, and haue continually bled to mary bury and chysten within the same: And nowe of late at the dissolution of the sayd late monastery, the sayde bulles and other wytynges, concernynge the sayd vsurped auctoritie, were by the kynges Surueours burned & distroied, by occasion wherof the bycar of the paryshe of Duer, within the sayd countie, wold nowe disturbe the sayde tenauntes and inhabytauntes of theyr sayd paryshe church, and wolde deduce them from theyr sayd most accustomable paryshe church of Whytegate, vnto his sayd church of Duer, being foure or fyue myles distant from theyr sayde houses and tenementes, which not only shuld be to the great peynes trauayle and discommoditie of the sayde tenauntes and inhabytauntes, but also therby myght growe, that suche laufulle maryages shulde be aduoyded as haue heretofore ben solemnysed in the face of the sayd church of Whytegate, beyng as he assymeth, no paryshe church, women myght also lose theyr dowers, with manyfold other losses greuanes and inconueniences, that were lykely to ensue vpon the same. In auoydynge wherof be it enacted by the kyng our Soueraygne lord, his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the sayde church of Whytegate shall be the paryshe church for all and syngular the tenauntes and inhabitantes aforesayd: and that the sayde church shall be named and callyd from hensefozthe, The paryshe

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ryshe churche of our blessed ladye the vbrgtn of whtigate, and the aforesaid tenauntes and inhabitauntes, shal be discharged of any further resoꝛte oꝛ repayze to the sayd churche of Duer, and that the person vicar and curat of the sayde parische churche of Duer, and euery of them, and the successours of the and euery of them, shall be discharged of the cure of the sayde tenauntes and inhabitauntes.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that one Richard Beuton clarke, now incumbent of the same churche of whtigate, and after hym some other sufficient and lafull personne to be named and appoynted by the kynges highnes, shall be bycar perpetuall in the sayde parische churche of whtigate, and haue perpetuall succession in the same, and that he and his successours shall be called vicars of the parische churche of our blessed ladye the virgin of whtigate, and shall be inhabled by auctoritie of this acte, to sue and be sued by that name in all courtes and places in this realme: And that the aduouson donatton and presentation of the sayde vicarage, shall apperteyne and belonge to the kynges highnes his heires and successours: and that as well the sayde newe fyrste vicar named as aforesayde, as all other vicars hereafter to be named of the sayde churche of whtigate, shal be presented instituted and inducted to and by the ordinary and ordinaries of the same place, where the sayde churche is situate, as other persons and vicars of this realme ben accustomed: And shall paye the fyrste frutes and tenthes of the sayde vicarage vnto the kynges highnes his heyres and successours, accoꝛdyng to the rate and value therof. And that also the same vicar and his successours shall haue and perceyue all the tithes offerpnynges oblations obventions and other ecclesiasticall dueties and ryghtes, that shall yerely growe and be due by the customes of the realme and ecclesiastical lawes of the same, to be payed had oꝛ made by the aforesayde tenauntes and inhabitauntes, excepte onely the tythe of coꝛne, whiche shal be payed and satisfied from hencefoꝛthe by auctoritie of this acte, to the kynges highnes his heyres successours and patentees of the same.

An acte concernynge the priuileges of Kyngestowne vpon Hull. Cap. xxxiii.



HO R as moch as the kynges towne vpon Hul is situate and builded in length vpo the hauen of the said towne of the part of the east, and vpon the water of Humber of the parte of the southe, and foꝛ the sauegarde tuition and defence of the same, the sayde towne is compassed and enclosed with great walles dyches and bankes from the southeaste ende of the sayde hauen, as wel towarde Humber as of the west and of the north vnto the north ende of the sayde hauen. And towarde the mayntenaunce supportation and vpholdynge as well of the sayde walles dyches and bankes, as of other cloyes floweses getties gutters goottes and other fortresses there made foꝛ the
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Defence of the sayde towne and of the sayde hauen, the mayre burgeses and communalte of the sayd towne of Hull haue vsed tyme out of mynd by their officers or ministers of the same towne, to leuie take and haue of all inhaby-
tauntes of euery such townes in the counties of Suffolke and Norfolke, as
pretende to be priuiledged in the sayde kynges towne vpon Hull, of euery last
of hearynges brought thither by shipp to be solde. xx. d. and for euery hun-
dred saltfyshe. iiii. d. and for euery last of spattes. viii. d. And also of all in-
habitauntes of all other townes in the sayde counties of Suff. and Norff.
and elles where, of euery laste of hearynges broughte to the kynges sayde
towne of Hull by shipp to be solde. ii. s. iiii. d. and for euery hundred saltfyshe
iiii. d. and for euery last of spattes. viii. d. Unto now of late in the. xxvii. yere
of the reigne of our soueraigne lord the kyng that nowe is, it was enacted
by auctoritie of parlyament, that the mayre of the sayde towne of kynges-
towne vpon Hull and his successours, and all other officers and ministers
of and within the sayde towne, shulde from hensforth permytte and suffer all
the inhabitauntes of the sayde counties of Suff. and Norff. and from any o-
ther place thither repaying with bitayles, at al tymes for euermore betwene
the feastes of all seyntes and the annunciation of our lady, lyberally and fre-
ly without interruption or impediment to conduct and byngge theyr hearyn-
ges and other fyshe to the sayde towne, and there to vtter and sell the same,
as well by water as by lande, by retayle or ingrosse, to whom so euer & whan,
within the sayde tyme befoze expessed, they or any of them shall thynke most
expedient for theyr owne profyttes and commodities, without any maner of
roll custome imposition or other exactions or charge to be demaunded leuied
or taken of the seller and byer of the same by the sayde mayre or any other of-
fycers or ministers of or within the sayde towne or porte of the same for the
sayd hearyng or other fyshe, or for the shypps or other vessels wherein the same
hearynge or fyshe shulde so be brought or conducted to the sayde towne: ex-
cepte onely suche summes of money as hereafter ensueth: that is to saye, of
euery shipp thither repaying with hearynges or other fyshe, as is aforesayd,
beinge of the burden of. xx. tunne or vnder, and not aboue. v. s. And of eue-
ry shipp thither repaying with hearynges or other fyshe, beinge aboue the
full burden of. xx. tunne. vi. s. viii. d. and not aboue, as by the sayde acte or
statute, made in the sayde. xxvii. yere, moze playnely maye appere. Sithens
whiche acte of parlyamente made as is aforesayde, the sayde walles dyches
bankes and also ietties clowes sloweses goottes gutters and other fortres-
ses about the sayd towne, as is afoze sayde, haue moche fallen in ruine and
decaye, because the mayre burgeses and communalte of the sayde towne, whi-
che haue mozte parte of theyr luynges by trade of marchandise beyonde the
sea, be not able ne of power to mainteyne the sayde walles dyches bankes
ietties and other the premisses ageynst the sayde water, and to suppozte and
beare suche other great perely expenses costes and charges, as perely chance
within the sayde towne excepte they myght haue towarde the same charges
suche summes of money as they befoze tyme haue ben accustomed to haue of
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the said fysherman, and other inhabitauntes as is aforesaid, And if the said walles dyches and other the premisses shulde not be mainteyned supported and defended against the said water, it wolde be in conclusion the destructio & desolation of the saide towne of kyngestowne vpon Hull, whiche god defende. In consideracion whereof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the saide acte and statute made in the saide. xxvii. yere, concernynge exactions taken by the mayze and comminatie of the towne of Hull, and euery thinge therein contained, maye be from henceforth frustrate and voyde: And that from henceforth it shall be lafull to the mayze and burgeses of the kinges said towne vpon Hull, and their successours mayzes and burgeses of the same, and all other officers and ministers there for the tyme beinge from time to time, at all times hereafter, to receyue haue & take of all and euery the inhabitauntes and fyshermen of the saide counties of Suff. and Norf. and of all other places to the said towne of Hull for such hearynges spzattes saltfyshe, and all other vitayles by them or any of them hereafter to be broughte to be solde vnto the kinges saide towne of Hull, suche summes of money as hereafter foloweth, that is to saye, for euery laste of hearynges of euery person priuiledged. xx. d. for the last: And for euery hundred saltfyshe. iiii. d. and for euery laste of spzattes. viii. d. And of euery person not priuiledged for euery laste of hearynges. ii. s. iiii. d. and for euery hundred saltfyshe. iiii. d. and for euery laste of spzattes. viii. d. as afoze the said act so made in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraygne lord the kyng, the said mayze and burgeses haue vsed and accustomed to take, any thinge expessed or conteyned in the said acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

Provided alwaies, and be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte or any thing therein conteyned or expessed, shall not extende nor in any wise be hurtful or prejudicial to charge or onerate any cite borough or towne within this realme, or the inhabytauntes of the same, or any of them, for any moze or other custome imposition or payement, otherwile than they or any of them of right were charged or chargeable before the makinge of the said act and estatute, made in the said. xxviii. yere, any thinge expessed or conteyned in this present act to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

An acte for the towne of Lyne touchynge the reuocation of two fayzes. Cap. xxxiii.



WHERE the kinges maiesty of his most abundant goodnes hath by his letters patentes, vnder his great seale of Englande, bearynge date the. vii. daye of July, in the. xxix. yere of his moste gracions reygne, graunted to the mayze and burgeses of his borough of kynges Lyne, in his county of Norfolke, that they & their successours shall haue and hold within

within the saide borough two fayres or martes euery yere from thenceforth that is to say, one fayre the next day after the feast of the Assumption of our blessed ladye the virgyn, to be holden and to endure by. vi. dayes nexte and immediately folowynge the same daye: The other of the said fayres or martes to be holden the nexte day after the feast of the Purification of our blessed ladye the virgin, and to endure by. vi. dayes next immediately folowynge the same daye, as by the said letters patentes amonges other thinges more playnely maye appere. For so much that as well the burgeses and inhabitants of the said borough of kynges Lyne, as many and diuers other persons dwellynge vppon the said borough of kynges Lyne, haue syns the saide letters patentes made, regrated and gotten into their hâdes and possession great number of saltfyshe, as lynge loob codde salte salmon stockefishe and hearynge, to the great hynderaunce and losse of many of the kynges subiectes, that yerely haue repaired and comen to Strrybryge fayre, Elye fayre, & other fayres & markets in the countie of Cambridge and Huntingdon, and other shyres, for the prouision of saltfyshe and hearynge for thet householdes, and for the prouision of diuers other shyres within this realme of Englande: whiche regratynge is contrary to a common welthe, and to diuers statutes in that case prouided, and cōtrary to the good intent and meanyng of the graunt of the saide fayres and martes, comprised or specified in the saide letters patentes. It be therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the grant made by the said letters patentes of the saide two fayres or martes, with al liberties onely concernynge the same shall be from henceforth frustrate voyd and of none effecte: Sauynge alwaies & reseruyng to the mayre and burgeses of the borough of kynges Lyne, in the countie of Nozfolke, and their successors, al other liberties franchises comodities profittes, and all other thinges what so euer comprised or specified in any letters patentes, made by the kyng our soueraine lord, or by any of his noble progenitours, or by any other concerning the borough or towne of Lyne, by what name or names so euer it is or hath ben called, or cōcerning the burgeses & inhabitantes of the saide borough or towne of Lyne, or any of them, or the successors of any of the, by what name or names so euer thei be or haue ben incorporate named or called, so that this acte or any thing therein contained shall not in any wise extēde or be expounded to make frustrate voyde, or to take away any thing cause or mattre but onely the saide two fayres or martes, any thing contained in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

CAn acte concernynge the condites at Gloucester. Cap. xxxv.

VHERE befoze this time the towne of Gloucester, now lately called the citie of Gloucester, and the inhabitantes and resiantes within the same, haue ben reasonably furnyshed comforted & refreshed with good pure and

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and cleane running water, issuing out of the heades of freshe springes, situate and beinge within one myle and halfe distaunt from the saide citie, in one hyll there called Marstones hill, otherwise called Robyn hoodes hyll. And for the preservation and continuance of the said heades and springes, there is and long time heretofore hath ben erected and builded by the inhabitants of the same newe citie, sundrie condite houses of lyme and stone and from thence the saide water hath bene conueied vnder erth in pypes of leape, into diuers places of the saide citie, and also to the cloister and houses of the late dissolved monastery of saint Peter in the same citie, now lately translated & stablished by the kinges maiestie into a cathedrall church of a bishop deane and chapter, whiche said fresh running water is and hath ben not onely a greate refreshing comforte and comoditie to all the kinges subiectes, inhabitinge within the saide citie, but also a singular pleasure to all esttraungers repairinge to the same: Yett nowe of late the said springes haue ben and yet be much dzyed wasted and consumed, so that throughte the debilitie and scarcitie of water in the saide springes, yttell oz no water at this daie cometh oz renneth from thence to the condites & vsuall places in the said citie oz minster, by reason wherof if some speedy remedy be not foresene and prouided for the conueyaunce bzingyng and leading of other water springes nowe also being in the said hill, not far distant from the saide olde heades, to the pypes gutters & trenches of the same olde heades, now leadinge and conueyinge the water to the saide citie and minster, the kinges subiectes inhabiting within the same citie, for lacke of the saide water shall be muche greued annoyed and molested, for as muche as freshe and pure runnyng water is and hath ben noted to be one of the moste necessities comforte and refreshing to all cities and townes within this realme. In consideration wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraign lord, the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from the feast of Easter nexte comminge it shall be laufull to the maire of the said citie of Gloucester for the time beinge, and also to the deane of the said minster oz cathedrall church and their successours, and the successours of euery of them, at all times after the said feast of Easter, as neede shall requyre to dygge and breake grounde for the conueyaunce of the saide water in all places, in oz vpon the saide hill, so that the place oz places so broken dygged oz trenched, be not aboue halfe a mile distaunt from the places where the said olde conduites heades be now alreadye builded and erected, & in such places where it shall be thought most apte and necessary by the artificers and workemen of the saide maire oz deane for the tyme being, to serche oz fynde any newe springe heades in any place within the said precinct afore mencioned. And vpon the same newe springes so found laufully to erecte & edify newe conduit houses, & there to digge and make diches baultes and trenches, and other conuenient and necessary thinges for the continuance therof at all times hereafter, at the libertie and pleasure of the said maire and deane and

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their successours for evermore. And also from the said newe springes to con-
 uey the water in pipes of leade gutters & trenches vnto the other pipes of
 leade apperteyning to the said olde conduites heades, and by suchē or lyke
 polyp and meanes to brynge and conuey the hole water from all the layde
 heades and springes, vnto the saide cite and minster, for the comon welth
 utilite and reliefe of the same cite and minster, and the inhabitantes of
 the same. And thus to be done and executed with the perely maintenance &
 reparacions of the same, as neede shal require fro tyme to tyme alwaies here-
 after. And further that the said maire and deane and their successours, and
 every of them, for the dygging and breaking of any such ground or soyle
 in any the places aforesaide, and for the purposes aforesaide, shall within
 xx. daies nexte after anye suche grounde broken by the labourers or worke-
 men of the said maire or deane, for the ententes and purposes aforesaid, sa-
 tisfie contente and paie vnto the owners or possessours of the saide soile or
 grounde so broken or digged, as much money for the same dygginge and
 breakinge, as shall be adiudged and taxed by the determinacion & iudge-
 ment of. iii. or. iiii. indifferent men, inhabiting within the parische, & here
 the place so broken builded or trenched is or shall be, and that to be bled for
 evermore hereafter. And the same. iii. or. iiii. men alwaies hereafter shal be
 chosen and named, as wel by the owner or possessor of the grounde so bro-
 ken for the time being, as also by the saide maire or deane for the time be-
 inge, by whose commaundment anye suche grounde or soile shall be at any
 tyme hereafter so digged or broken: And all such summes as after the saide
 feast of Easter shall be taxed by the saide. iii. or. iiii. men for the time beyng,
 so named and chosen for satisfaction of anye suche trespassse or trespassses, shal
 be payde and satisfied by the saide maire or deane for the time beinge, with-
 in. iiii. daies nexte after the saide taxation or iudgement so made and yel-
 ded, upon peine of the saide maire or deane so offendinge deniengē or refu-
 syngē the payment therof for everye suche offence to forfait. xlii. s. iiii. d. the
 one halfe of whiche saide forfeiture shall be to the kinge our soueraigne
 lord, his heires and successours, and the other moitie to any of the kinges
 subiectes that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of recoorde,
 by action of Dette by plainte informacion or other wise, in which action by
 or plainte no wager of lawe protection nor esloin shall lye. And neuerthe-
 lesse the partie, whose grounde hereafter shall be broken, for none payment
 of all suche summes of money, as by the saide. iii. or. iiii. men for the time be-
 inge, shall be taxed and adiudged for the doinge of any such trespass at any
 tyme or tymes, shall haue an action of det against the saide maire or deane,
 by whose commaundment any such ground shall be so broken, in any of the
 kinges courtes of recoorde, for the recouerie of the same det so taxed, in whi-
 che action no wager of lawe protection nor esloine shall lye. And if it shall
 happen, that the saide. iii. or. iiii. men hereafter so to be chosen, as is afores-
 aide, do not or shall not agree in makinge anye suche taxation for anye suche
 offence or offences, to be doone within the saide tyme of. iiii. daies to theint
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afoze limitted, noz that the said maire oꝛ deane foꝛ the time beinge, do not offer oꝛ tender to the partie so greued, a reasonable amendes & satisfaction foꝛ the breaking digging oꝛ trenching his oꝛ their laid ground, that than the partie oꝛ parties so greued, & whose lande oꝛ soile shal be so hereafter subuerted and broken, shall haue his lafulle remedie against the said maire oꝛ deane foꝛ the time beinge, by whose commaundement any such soyle oꝛ grounde, shall be foꝛ the purpose afozesaide dygged oꝛ broken, by action of trespass, and to recouer damages foꝛ the same, any thing in this present act mencioned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaie and be it further enacted by the auctoritie afozesaide, that if the said maire oꝛ deane, their successours workemen oꝛ seruantes, oꝛ any of them, at any time oꝛ times after the saide feast of Easter, be oꝛ shal be disturbed lettred oꝛ withstanded, to digge buyde heades of cōdites dyches oꝛ trenches in any place oꝛ places, in oꝛ vpon the saide hyll, within the pꝛecincte to them afoze limitted, oꝛ in any other place oꝛ places from the the hyll vnto the saide citie, foꝛ the necessary reparation and amendment of any the pypes of leade hereafter to be crased oꝛ broken, which doth conuey the saide water to the same citie oꝛ minster, by any owner owners oꝛ possessorours of the same grounde, oꝛ by any other person oꝛ persons at any time oꝛ times hereafter: that then euery such person owner possessor oꝛ persones so disturbinge, wilfully lettinge oꝛ molestinge any the workemen of the saide maire oꝛ deane, shall forfeite and lose foꝛ euery such distubaunce and denier .xx.s. The one halfe of which said forfeiture shal be vnto the kinge our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours, and the other moitie to any of the kinges subiectes that will sue foꝛ the same in any the kinges courtes of recoꝛde, at any time hereafter by action of detrylle plaint infoꝛmacion oꝛ otherwise, in whiche no wager of law pꝛotectiō noꝛ essoin shal ly oꝛ be allowed.

¶ An acte foꝛ repairyng of Canturbury, Rochester, Stamp
foꝛde and diuers other townes. Cap. xxxvi.

Foꝛ as muche as in tymes past diuers and manie beautifull houses of habitation haue bene within the walles and liberties of the citie of Canturburie, the citie of Rochester, the boroughes and townes of Stamp foꝛde, and great Grimesby in the countie of Lyncolne, the towne of Cambridge in the countie of Cambridge, the borough oꝛ towne of Derby, in the countie of Derby, the borough oꝛ towne of Wilfoꝛde in the countie of Surrey, the towne of Dunwyche in the countie of Suffolke the boroughes oꝛ townes of the synke portes with their membꝛes, the towne of Lewes in the countie of Sussex, and the towne of Buckingham in the countie of Buckingham, which now are fallen downe decayed and at this time remain vnreedyfied, lying as desolate and voyd groundes, & many of them adioyning nigh vnto the high stretes replenished with much order fylth &

burleanes, with pittes sellers and vaultes lieng opē and vncouered, to the
 great peril and danger of al the inhabitantes & other the kinges subiectes
 passinge by the same, and some howses be very weake and feble redy to fall
 downe, and be very daungerous to passe by, to the great decate and hinde-
 raunce of the said cities boroughes townes and linke portes. It may ther-
 fore be enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and
 temporal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the
 auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons or bodie politike, being
 owners & possessioners of any such desolate or void groundes, that at any
 time within five & fortie yeres next before the making of this acte, haue ben
 builded for houses of habitaciō, or for any hous or houses of habitaciō now
 or hereafter being in decay and not fully fallen downe, within the liberties
 and p̄cintes of any of the said boroughes townes and places, do not suf-
 ficiently reedifie builde and repaire, or cause to be reedified builded and re-
 paired the said desolate void groundes and decate houses conuenient for
 habitacion and dwelling, within two yeres nexte after proclamacion to be
 made in or vpon the same void grounde or groundes, decate house or hou-
 ses, by the maires aldermen & burgesses, or other hed officers within the
 p̄cincte of their owne auctorities, that than it shall be laful for the chiefe
 lord or lordes immediate, of whom such desolate and void groundes, de-
 cate, and ruinous houses be holden after the said two yeres be expired, to
 enter into the same, and to haue the same groundes or houses, with the cur-
 tilage backside and gardeine adioining to the same, if they be of the inheri-
 taunce of the owner or owners of the saide decate house or ground, & ex-
 ceede not one acre of grounde, to theim and to their heires or successours, or
 to their owne proper vse for euer, so that the saide lord or lordes immediate
 entring by the auctoritie of this acte, dooe sufficiently reedifie builde or re-
 paire the same void grounde or decate houses, within two yeres and an
 halfe, next and immediately folowing the determinaciō of the foresaid first
 two yeres. And in case such lord or lordes, as maie enter by this acte, do not
 enter and well & sufficiently reedifie builde or repaire the same void groun-
 des or decate houses, within the said two yeres and an halfe to theim limi-
 ted by this acte: or if such lord or lordes immediate, as may enter by this
 acte, do sufficiently reedifie builde and repaire the same void groudes or de-
 cate houses, within the said two yeres and an halfe to theim limitted, and
 after thei their heires or successours suffer the same houses or void groun-
 des to fal in ruine and decay, and do not build or reedifie the same sufficiēt-
 ly within two yeres and an halfe of such ruine or decay: that than it shal be
 lefull to all person or persons or bodie politike, as shal than haue any rent
 charge ioyntly or seuerall going out of the saide void grounde or groun-
 des, or decate house or houses, in any of the said cities boroughes, townes
 or places immediatly after the said two yeres and an halfe expired, to enter
 into the same, and to haue to such of them their heires and successours, to
 their owne proper vse, as shal so builde the said void groundes or decate
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houses, by auctoritie of this acte, the same voyde groundes or houses, with the curtilage backside & gardeine adioininge to the same, if they be of the inheritaunce of the owner or owners of the said decayed house or ground, & exceede not in quantitie one acre of ground, discharged of all rentes goinge out of the same groundes or houses, as well against the said lord & lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, hauinge any rent or rents charges or rent secke out of the same, other than the fee ferme of the said cite borough town or place, or some parcel therof, so that the said person or persons or bodies politike, hauing the said rent charge, entringe by the auctoritie of this act, do sufficiently reedify build & repaire the same desolate and voyde groundes or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within one yere and .iii. quarters next & immediately folowing the determinacion of the said two yeres and an halfe, to the said lordes or lordes immediate appointed by this acte. And in case suche person or persons or bodies politike, hauing any of the said rentes charges, as may entre by this act, do not enter and wel and sufficiently reedifie bulde or repaire the same void groundes or decayde houses, within one yere & thzee quarters to them appointed by vertue of this acte: or if thei or anye of them hauing suche rente charge, and that maye enter by this acte, do sufficiently build and repaire the same void ground or groundes, or decayed house or houses, within the said one yere and thzee quarters to them limited, and after they their heires or successours, suffer the same void ground or groundes, house or houses to fall in ruine and decaye, and do not bulde or reedifie the same sufficiently within one yere & thzee quarters after such ruine or decaye: that then it shalbe lesul to the mayres aldermen and burgesses, & other the head officers of the said cities boroughes townes & places, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated and their successours, & euery of them within the limittes of their auctorities immediately after the said yere and .iii. quarters expyred, into euery suche desolate and voyde groundes decayed or ruinous houses, to enter, & to haue hold & enioy to them and their successours for euer, to their owne vles, the same groundes or houses and euery of them with the curtelages, gardens, & backside to the same, if thei be of the inheritace of the owner or owners of the said decayed house or ground, and exceede not in quantitie one acre of grounde clerely discharged of all rentes goinge out of the same groundes or houses, as wel against the said lordes or lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, hauing such rente charge or rent secke, as befoze is said, other than the fee ferme of the said cite borough towne or place or parcel therof, So that the same mayres aldermen & burgesses or other head officer as is aforesaid, or their successours for the time being, do reedifie bulde or repaire, or cause to be reedified builded or repaired, the same ground or groundes house or houses within .iii. yeres next, & immediately folowing the determinacion of the said yere and .iii. quarters, limited or appointed to such pson or persons or bodies politike, that haue or shal haue any rent as is aforesaid: And in case the said mayres aldermen

and burgesles, or other head officers as is aforesaid, or their successours, do not enter and reedifie bulde and repaire the same boide ground or grounds decayed house or houses in forme aforesaid, within the said terme of .iii. yerres after their said entree, or if they sufficiently reedifie buylde and repaire the same boide ground or grounds, or decayed house or houses, within the said thre yerres to them limited by this acte, and after they or their successours, suffer the same house or houses, boide ground or grounds to fall in ruine and decay, and do not build and reedifie the same sufficiently within thre yerres after suche ruine or decay, that than it shalbe leful to the first owner or owners, possessor or possessours of such boide ground or grounds, decayed house or houses, their heires or successours, immediatly after the said thre yerres, to the said maires aldermen & burgesles, & other head officers as is afoze limited, expired, into the same houses ground or grounds, curtilages, gardeins, and backelides to entre, and the same to retaine to them, their heires and successours, as in their first estate, anie thinge contained in this present acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Conduided alway, that this acte or any thinge therein contained, be not in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall to any person or persons, beyng at the time of the saide proclamacion made vnder the age of xxi. yerres, or beinge feme covert, or in prison, or beyonde the sea in the kinges warres, or in his other lefull affaires, or to any person or persons, not beinge than of hole and perfect memory, duringe the time that suche person or persones, shalbe within age, married, in prisonne, or of no perfect memory, or beyond the sea, so that the same person or persons, their heires or successours, after that he or they come to their full age of xxi. yerres, or be unmarried, out of prison, or come againe within this realme, or be of hole & perfecte memory, within .iii. yerres than next ensuinge, do reedifie the same desolate or boide groundes, or repaire the said decayed houses.

And acte touching the honour of Amptghyll. Cap. xxxvii.



Consideringe that the kynges most excellent maiestie mindeth and intendeth by the grace of god to erecte bulde and edifie vpon his graces manour of Amptghill in the countie of Bedf. sumptuous statelie beautifull and princely buyldynges structures and edifices, & the same as his highnes hath alredy with goodli & parkely parkes, so herafter with diuers and sundry other like thinges of pleasure delite and commoditie, to beautifie adorne and decozite, mete apte and conuenient for the long coleruation of the kynges most royall person at such time and times as his maiestie shall haue accesse to the same: It semeth therfore very behoueful expedient and requisite, that not alonely to such a palace roial, manours possessions and other hereditamentes should be knytte vnyted & annexed, correspondent and agreeable to the worthines and dignitie thereof, but also ought of all

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of all conueniency in reason to be ornated and set forth with the name and title of an honour, therby insinuating and declating, that the thing shalbe no lesse honozable and princely in riche and faire possessions, than statelly & commodious, as wel in thinges of pleasure, as in sumptuous and costely buildinges. Wherfore be it enacted ordeined and established by the kynge our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the cōmons in this pze sent parliament assembled, and by the auctozitie of the same, that al and singulet mansurs, parkes, messuages, sites of monasteries, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices & all other hereditamentes, liberties & commodities, lieng oz being in the hamlets, townes, and parishes of Ampthill, Milsbroke, Fletewike, Malden, Stepingley, Westoning, Houghton, Congest, Wilsamstede, Littelington, Husbondcrauley, Rigemond *cum* Sageno, Alpeley, Geys, Cliphil, Caynoo, Shellozde, Cranefielde, Dolorhill, Harlington, Codington, Barton, Shitlington, Chalgraue, Mariston, Wooburne, Cuerthall, Hilton, Brian Warden, Eltome, Caudewell, Donistable, Salfozde, Holcoote, Bedfozde, Wotton, Kemston, and the manour of Colmewozthe in the saide countie of Bedfozde oz in any of them, oz els in the hamlettes, townes oz parishes of Newport panel, Tikfozth, Mollo, great Lidfozth, litel Lidfozth, Stewokley, litel Brickhill, Boobrickhill, wauendon, north Crauley, and Swanborne, oz in any of them in the countie of Buckingham, oz els wher within the realme of England, belonging oz appertaining to any manour lienge oz being in any of the towne oz parishes aboue mencioned, wherof and of the which our saide soueraigne lord the king is at this pze sent sealed of an estate of inheritance, shal from hensforth be perpetually knit annexed and vnited to the said manour of Ampthyl, and be taken adiudged and demed as part parcel & member of the same manour: and that the same manour of Ampthyl, together with al maner landes, tenementes and other the pze mises aboue recited, so vnited & annexed to the same manour, accozding as is aboue expzessed, shal frō hensforth be perpetually called and named the honour of Ampthyl. And that the same, which heretofore hath ben takē for the manour of Ampthil, shal frō hensforth be taken and adiudged the chiefe principall and capitall part and place of the hole honour of Ampthil; and also that all & singuler other manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices and other hereditamentes, lieng oz being in any of the hamlettes, townes, oz parishes afozelsaid, with their rightes members and appurtenances, wherof, & of the which the king our saide soueraigne lord, his heires oz successours, shalbe at any time hereafter leased of estate of inheritance by purchase, eschete forfeiture oz otherwise, shal immediately after such purchase forfeiture eschete oz otherwise cumming to the handes of his highnes, his heires oz successours, be from time to time vnited annexed demed and adiudged to al ententes and pzo pzo ses, as part parcell and member of the said honour of Ampthil.

And furthermoze be it enacted by auctozitee afozelsaide, that all & singuler

gular the tenants, as wel freeholders and copy holders, as other, and al
and singuler persons, which owe suite to any of the said manours, or to any
lete or lawday to be holden within the precinct of any of them, & the heires
successours and assignes of euery of the said tenants shall doo their suites
seruices and customes, and pay their rentes to the said sundrie manours, &
in such time as thei did and ought to do before the making of this present
act. And that the said tenants and suiters and euery of them, or the heires
successours or assignes of them or euery of the, at any time, hereafter, shall
not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices, suites, customes
reues or other charges, nor be compelled to do or pay at ne in any other place
or places, nor any of the seueral tenures chauged altered or charged other
wise than they were or ought to do & be before the making of this acte, any
thing therein contained to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, that this act or any thing therein contained shall not
be prejudicial or hurtfull to any person or persons, their heires executours
successours or assignes, for any leases, demises, grautes or couenantes here-
tofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the saide manours
and other the premises or any parte or parcel therof, or of any leases grau-
tes or couenantes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the said ma-
nours, landes, tenementes, & other the premises, wherof the kinges high-
nes his heires or successours shal hereafter be seled of estate of inheritace
by purchase forsaithure elchete or otherwise, as is aforesaid lyng or beinge
in any of the said hamlets, townes or parishes, by the owners of the saide
manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premises or any parte or parcel
therof, or by any of their auncestours or predecessours, or by any person or
persons lawfully auctozised by them or any of them, for any demise lease or
graunt therof so made or to be made: Sauing alway to euery person and
persons bodies politike & corporate, their heires, executours, successours,
and assignes and euery of them, other than such bodies politike and corpo-
rate, and other persons as were or hereafter shalbe partes and priuy to the
bargaines, sales giftes or grautes of the said manours & other the pre-
mises or any parte therof, and their wiues being examined accordyng to
the law of this realme, their heires and successours, and the wiues so exa-
mined and their heires, and the heires and successours of euery of them, al
suche right title vse interest, possession, lease, leases, ferme, fermes for terme
of life lues yerres, or otherwise, and al grautes liberties, priuileges iuris-
dictions auctorities, franchises, rentes charges profits couenantes & al
other commoditie or commodities, which they or any of them, haue might
or ought to haue, or hereafter shal or shuld haue, in or to the premises or
any parte or parcel of them, in such maner and fourme as though this acte
or any thing therein contained to the contrary therof had neuer ben had nor
made, any thing in this present act to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Be it also further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde ho-
nour of Ampthyll, and all the manours, landes, tenementes, heredita-
mentes

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mentes and other the premises above rehearsed, shall from henceforth be in the order suruey rule and gouernaunce of the court of Augmentacions of the reuenues of our soueraigne lord the kinges crowne, and to be granted let and set to setme by the officers & ministers of the same court, in such maner and forme, as other the manours landes and tenementes appointed to the same court ben and ought to be letten or graunted. And that al the fermes issues, reuenues and profits comming and growyng of the premises and of euery parte therof, shall be taken and receiued to the kinges vse by the ministers and officers of the same court, in such maner and forme as is vled and had of other manours landes, tenementes, committed to the order suruey and gouernaunce of the said court of augmentacions, any acte statute ordinance custome or vse heretofore had made or vled to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

An acte concerning the honour of Grafton. Cap. xxxviii.



Of diuers sundrie bzgent & necessarie causes and considerations the kinges maiestie specially mouing; be it enacted ordeined and established by the king our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that all those his maiesties hundredes of Wimberley & Alfordes hobo, and all those his graces forrestes Whittilwood & Sawley, and all that his chace of yardeley in the countie of Northampton with all & singular their membez rightes and appourtenaunces: and all that his highnesse chafe of Whaddon in the countie of Buckingham, with all and singular his rightes, membez, and appourtenaunces, and all and singular manours, parkes, messuages, scites of monasteries and priories, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions seruices, and all other hereditamentes liberties and commodities, lienge or being in the hamlets, townes, and parishes of Grafton, Hertwel, Alheton, Roode, Coztuall, Alderton, Stoke brewern, Shittilanger, Shoresley, Blileworth, Milton, Malleworth, Tiffilde, Ballispey, Colletour, Cist o Hulcote, Abthzop, Foscot, Greinsnoton, Blakesley, Woodend, Colehigha, Grimescot, Gaito, Patfel, Escot, Alcot, Dalecot, Bugbroke, Ruddithrup Collingthigh, Hardingston, Wotton, Quinton, Slopton, Denlanger, yardeley Potteripery, Furthoo, Colsgroue, Castel Alhby, Wiken and Delapzey in the said county of Northampton: and in the hamlettes townes & parishes of Luffilde, Hanslape, Castelthorp, Hartham, Shenley, Litle horewood, Snelloo, & littell Lidforth, in the saide countie of Buckingham, and els where within the realme of Engladd, belonging or appertainyng to any manours or hundred, lieng or being in any of the townes or parishes above mentioned, wherof and of the which our said soueraigne lord the king is at this present sealed of an estate of inheritance, shal from henceforth

forth be perpetually knit, annexed & vnited to the said manour of Grafton, and be taken adiudged and demed as parte parcell and member of the same manour: And that the same manour of Grafton, together with all maner landes tenementes and other the premises aboue recited, so vnited and annexed to the same manour, according as is aboue expessed, shal from henceforth be perpetually called and named the honour of Grafton: and that the same which heretofore hath ben taken for the manour of Grafton, shal fro the first day of May next comming be take and adiudged the chief principall and capitall part and place of the hole honour of Grafton: And also that all and singuler other manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, rétes reuercions, seruices, and other hereditamentes, lieng & beyng in any of the hamlets, townes or parishes aforesaid, withall the rightes membres and appurtenances, wherof and of the whiche the kinge our soueraigne lord & his heires or successours, shal be at any time hereafter sealed of estate of inheritauce by purchase eschete forfaiture or otherwise, shal immediately after such purchase, forfaiture, or otherwise comming to the handes of his highnes, his heires or successours, be from time to time vnited, annexed demed and adiudged to all intentes and purposes, as parte parcell & membre of the said honour of Grafton.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singuler the tenantes, as wel freholders & copyholders as other, and all & singuler persons, which owe suite to any of the saide manours, or to any leete or lawday to be holde within the precinct of any of them, & the successours and assignes of euery of the said tenantes, shal do their suites seruices and customes, and pay their rétes to the said sundry manours, and in suche time as thei did & ought to do before the making of this present acte. And that the said tenantes & suiters or any of them, or the heires successours or assignes of them or any of them, at any time hereafter, shal not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be compelled to do or pay the same in any other place or places, nor any of the seuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged otherwise than they were or ought to do, or be before the making of this act, anything therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alway, that this act or anything therein contained, shal not be prejudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, their heires executors successours or assignes, for any leases demises, grauntes or couenauntes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the saide manours and other the premises, or any part or parcel thereof, or of any leases grauntes or couenauntes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the said manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premises, wherof the kinges highnes his heires or successours shal hereafter be sealed of estate of inheritance by purchase forfaiture eschete or otherwise, as is aforesayde, lienge or beyng in any of the said hamlettes townes or parishes by the owners of the said manours landes tenementes and other the premises, or any parte or

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parcel therof, or by any of their aunccestours or predeceffours, or by any other person or persons lawfully aucthorised by the or any of the, for any demure lease or graunt therof so made or to be made: Saving alwaies to euery person and persons bodies politike and corporate, their heires successours, executours, and assignes, other then such bodies politike and corporate, and suche other persons as were or hereafter shal be parties and parties to the bargaines sales, giftes or grauntes of the saide manours and other the premises or any part thereof: their wifes being examined of the same according to the lawes of the realme, their heires and successours, & the wifes so examined, and the heires and successours of euery of them all such right title ble interest possession, lease, leases, ferme, fermes for terme of life, lures or yerres, or otherwise: and al grauntes, liberties, rentes charges profits, couenantes and all and euery other commoditie or commodities which they or any of them haue might or ought to haue, or hereafter shall or should haue in or to the premises or any parte or partell of them, in such maner and fourme, as though this acte, or any thing therein contained to the contrarie therof had neuer ben had nor made, any thing in this present acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said hono^r of Grafton, and al the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other the premises aboue rehearsed, shal from henceforth be in the order suruey rule and gouernaunce of the court of Augmentacions of our said soueraigne lord the kinges crowne, and to be graunted, let and lette to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same court, in suche maner and fourme as other the manours landes and tenementes appointed to the same court, ben or ought to be letten or graunted: And that al the fermes issues, revenues, and profits comynge and growing of the premises & euery parte thereof, shal be taken and receiued to the kinges ble by the ministers and officers of the same court, in such maner and fourme as is bled and had of other manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes, committed to the order suruey and gouernaunce of the sayde court of Augmentacions, any act statute, ordinance custome or ble heretofore had made or bled to the contrarie therof notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte ne any thing therein contained be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to the iustices, wardens, stewardes, leutenantes and clerkes of the Swannymotes of any forrestes, parkes, or chales, contained in this acte, for or concerning any of their offices powers or auctorities, but onely for and concerning surueying of woodes and woodsales to be had and made in any of the said parkes forrestes or chales, & the punishment of the offendours therein, and the naming ruling and ordering of the verderours thereof.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the maister of the woodes of the saide court of Augmentacions, or other officers of the same court, shal yerely pay or cause to be payde of such summes of money
as

as shall yerely rise and come of the woodsales to be made of or in the said parkes forrestes and chales aforesaid, all and all maner of fees and wages as of olde time hath bene accustomed to be paide for the exercisyng of any office within the said parkes, forrestes and chales, accordinge to a certificate by writing therof to be made unto the said maister of the woodes by and from the iustices of the forrestes or any of them or any their deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the sayde maister of the woodes for the time being, shall make payment of all and all maner of reparacions nedefull to be done in and vpon any pale, rayle and lodge, within any of the said parkes, forrestes, and chales, and assigne timber for the same vpon any request therof to be made in writinge, by and from the said Iustices of forrestes: And the said maister of the woodes shall allowe all maner of felwell and prouise to be spent and occupied within the sayd parkes, forrestes and chales, as it hath been of olde time there vled and accustomed.

¶ And it is also provided and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any woodsale within the parkes chales and forrestes aforesaid or any of them, but by the assent of the iustices of forrestes for the time being, within whose auctoritie suche forrestes chales and parkes bene, any thing in this acte contained to the contrarie notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the termers, rentes, suites, and seruices of suche and as many of the said manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, mencioned in this acte, belonging to the Duchie of Lancaster and countie Palantine of Lancaster or to either of them, shall be answered and paide in the courte of the Duchie chaumber at Westminster, or to the receiuours generall & other ministers of the same courte, in like maner and fourme as heretofore hath ben vled and accustomed. And that all leases hereafter to be made of any of the same manours, landes, tenementes or hereditametes belonging to the said Duchie, shall be made vnder the seale of the Duchy of Lancaster in like maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vled, this acte or any thing therein contained to the contrarie therof in any wise notwithstanding.

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of Surueiours. Cap. xxxix.



Here in the parliament holden at London, the .xv. date of Aprill, in the .xiii. yere of the reigne of our moste dread so-
ueraigne lord the kinge that now is, and from thens pro-
toked to Westminster the last date of July, in the .xv. yere
of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord, & there then hol-
den, one act or estatute was made and ordeined by our saide
soueraigne lord the king, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tem-
poral, & the commons in the saide parliament assembled, and by auctoritie
of the same, that diuers and many honours castelles lordshippes manours
landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, as wel in England and wa-
led, as in Wales and the marches of the same, which in a cedula to the saide
act annexed be expressed, were appointed to be vnder the suruey lettinge &
settinge of diuers persons by the kinges highnes commission assigned, whi-
che by the saide acte be named and called, the kinges general Surueiours
of all and singuler the premises, befoze whom all receiuours bailiffes and
other officers and ministers, and all other person and persones shuld be ac-
comptable, of and for all and euery the premises, as by the saide acte moze
plainely at large maye appere. The saide acte to endure vntil the laste date
of the parliament than nexte and immediately ensuinge, whiche saide next
parliament, begonne at London the thirde date of Nouember, in the .xvi.
yere of his graces most noble reigne, & fro thense adiourned vnto Westm.,
and there also vpon diuers prorogacions continued and holden the fourth
day of February, in the .xxvii. yere of his saide reigne. It was then & there
by auctoritie of the same parliament ordeined and establisshed, that the saide
former acte shulde from thenseforth continue for euer, as by the same acte
amongest other thinges therein contained, moze plainely is shewed and may
appere. And for as much as al and singuler the premises be appertaining
to the kinges moste royall maiestie, as in the right of his imperiall crowne
of this realme, whiche crowne so being imperiall, it is very necessary & ex-
pedient, that all possessions landes tenementes & other hereditamentes, be-
ing any part parcell or membre therof, shuld be of such nature qualitie and
condicion, as one hole and perfitte body vndismembred: so that the officers
therof appointed by the kinges highnes, shuld haue no necessitie, to haue
ayd or assistance of the auctoritie and power of any other court or iurisdic-
tion, of or for the orderinge surueing settinge lettinge of any of the premis-
ses, or for leuieng of all and singuler the fermes rentes yssues profits and
commodities of the premises, or for the determinacion and iudgemēt of a-
ny maner cause or causes that might happen to growe insurge or rise, in or
about the same, or any part therof, wherein the kinges maiestie is partie.
Therefore as well for the good ordering, and for moze speedy and due admi-
nistracion of Justice to be had of and concerning all and singuler such the
kinges

kinges honours castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditaments, prestis and sommes of money, comprised in a cedula signed or hereafter to be signed with the kinges signe manuell, with the issues and profits of the same, to be truly answered to the kinges highnes his heires and successours. And to the intent the kinges saide excellentie maiestie, his heires and successours may the more truly and speedely be answered contented and paid of the rentes issues fermes reuenues and profits, rising coming and growinge, or which hereafter shall rise come or grow, of in and vpon all and singular the honours castelles lordshippes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesaid, with other the premises, whiche be comprised in the saide cedula, signed with the kinges signe manuell, or hereafter shalbe expressed in any other Cedula hereafter to be assigned, as is aforesaid, in such courte place maner forme and condicion, as hereafter shall be declared lynitted and appointed. Be it enacted ordeyned and established, by thassent of the kinges saide maiestie, his lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons in this his present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and forme, as hereafter foloweth in articles, That is to saie.

First the kinge our soueraigne lord, by auctoritie aforesaid, ordeineth maketh establisheth & erecteth a certaine court, commonly to be called, The court of the generall Surueyours of the kinges landes, which courte, by auctoritie aforesaid, continually shall be a courte of recorde, and shall haue one priue seale to be engrauen and made after such forme facion & maner as shall be appointed by the kinges highnes, which said seale shall remaine and be in the order and keepinge of the same Surueyout, that shall be first named in the kinges letters patentes, and in his absence to be left to the nexte officer to be named in the saide letters patentes, and in his absence to the thirde officer to be named in the saide letters patentes.

And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that there shalbe certaine persons to be named by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, which shall be called the kinges generall Surueyours of the kinges landes, and they so named by the kinges highnes, his heires & successours, shall be one entier officer, and shall be the first and principall officer in the saide courte.

Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesaid, that such persone as now is and hereafter shal be Treasourer of the kinges chaumber, shalbe alwaies Treasorer of the reuenues of the said court, and shall be officer of the same court nexte vnto the saide Surueyours.

Also there shall be one other persone lerned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called the kings Atturney of the said court, and shall be the thirde officer of the said court.

Also there shalbe one person to be named by the kinges highnes and his heires, whiche shalbe called the maister of the woodes comming growing and being in and vpon the premises or any part parcell or member therof, and shall be in the fourth officer of the same court.

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Also there shalbe as many auditours in the same court, as by the kinges highnes and his heires shal be appointed, whiche shal be called auditours of the reuenues of the said court.

And there shalbe likewise as many receiours in the same court, as by the kinges highnes and his heires shal be named and appointed, whiche shal be called receiours of such reuenues, as to them shal bee appointed by the kinges letters patentes.

Also there shalbe one person in the said court, to be named by the kinges highnes, whiche shalbe called clerke of the same court: And one other person whiche shalbe called vsher of the same court: And one other persone, whiche shal be called messenger of the same court, whiche clerke vsher, & messenger shalbe named by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, and euery of them shal haue such yerely fees rewardes and profit, for the exercising of the said seuerall offices, as the clerke vsher and messenger of the duchy chamber at Westm, haue had and perceiued before this time.

Also the saide surueiours, whiche shalbe appointed by the kinges highnes, shal take a corporall othe before my lord chauncellour of England for the time beyng after the tenour ensuiunge: ye shall sweare, that ye well and truely shal serue the kinge in the saide office of the general Surueiours of the reuenues of his court, called the court of general Surueiours of his graces landes, and shal minister equal iustice to riche and poore, to the beste of your counning wytte and power: And that ye shall diligently procure all thinges, whiche may honestly and iustly be to the kinges aduantage and profite, and to the augmentation of the rightes and prerogatiues of his crowne: and truely vse the kinges seale appoynted to your office: And also endeuour your selfe to the vttermost of your power, to se the king truely answered of all suche rentes reuenues issues and profit, whiche shall or maye ryse or growe in your office, and from time to time delyuer with spede such as shall haue to do before you. And that ye shall not take or receiue of any person, any gifte or reward, in any cause or matter depending before you, or wherin the kinges highnes shal be partie, wherby any prejudice hindrance, losse, or dishonour shall growe or be to the kinges highnes, so helpe you god and all saintes.

Also that the said treasurer shal take a corporall othe before the said chauncellour, according to the tenour ensuyng. ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truely serue the kinge our soueraigne lord and his people, in the office of Treasurer of his highnes court of generall surueyours, and ye shall reasonably and honestly procure the kinges profite, and do right to all manner of people poore and riche in those thinges, whiche touche your office, and the kinges treasure ye shall truely kepe and dispende, and true declaration and accompte thereof shall make from time to time without any concealment, to and before such person and persons as shall be named, and appointed by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours for the same, and further shall do euery thing, that of right apperteineth to your office,

so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also the said Atturney shall take a corporall othe before the said generall surueyours accordinge to the tenour ensuyng. ye shall sweare, that ye well and truely shall serue the king in all places, for or concerninge any matter or cause that shall concerne or touche the possessions and hereditamētes, limited to the suruey and gouernaunce of this court, and procure the kinges profite therof: And ye shall truly counsell the kinge and the Surueyours & Treasourer of this court in all thinges concerninge the same, to the best of your counnyng witte and power, and with all speede and diligence from time to time, at the callinge of the saide surueyours & treasourer, you shall endeuour your selfe for the hearinge & determinacion indifferently of such matters and causes, as shall depende before the saide surueyours and treasourer: And that ye shall not take any gift or rewarde in any matter or cause depending in the same court or els where, wherin the king shall be partie, wherby the kinges maiestie shall be hurted hindred or dishonoured: and further do all and every thinge, that shall appertaine vnto your office, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that the maister of the sayde woodes shall take a corporall othe before the said generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuyng: ye shall sweare that ye well and truely shall serue the kyng our soueraigne lord in the office of maister of the woodes in this court, and that ye shall make true sale and sales of all woodes and vnderwoodes, belonging to your office, according to the auctoritie giuen vnto you by this acte of generall Surueyours or any other act or actes to be made concerning the said generall surueyours for the kinges most aduantage, and nothing concele, but trewe accomptes make of all summes of money, receiued for the same, and al other profittes, wherwith ye shall be lawfully charged by reason of your saide office: ye shall make no petition, nor aske allowance, but such as shall be good iust true and reasonable: And ye shall do all and every thing and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the forme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that every of the saide auditours shall take a corporall othe before the said generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuyng: ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truely serue the kinge in your office, and shall not take or receiue of poore or such, any gyfte or rewarde, in any matter or cause depending or to be discussed in the same court, but such as shall be your ordinarie fees, and ye shall do all and every other thing, which shall appertaine vnto your office, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that every of the said receiueurs, shall take a corporall othe before the sayd generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuyng. ye shall sweare, that ye truely shall serue the king in your office, & nothing concele, but true accomptes make of all such revenues, rentes, summes of money, and other profittes, wherwith ye shall be lawfully charged by reason of your said office, you shall make no petition nor aske allowance, but such as shall be good iust & true
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and resonable, and ye shall do all and every thinge and thinges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so god you helpe and all saintes.

¶ Also the said clerke of the court shal take a corporall othe befoze the sayde generall surueyours after the tenour ensuyng. ye shal swere, that ye shall well and truely serue the kinge in your office of clerke of the said court, and truely do and execute all and euerie thing and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of the acte. And ye shall also be attendaunt vnto the said general surueiours from time to time, as thei shall requite you, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that the said Messenger shal take a corporall othe befoze the saide generall surueiours of the saide court, after the tenour ensuinge. ye shall swere, that ye shall well & truely serue the kinge in your office of Messenger of this court, as well in spedie seruinge all and singuler processe to you to be deliuered without fraude couingile or deceite, as also makinge true and spedie certificate to this court of the same, and that you well & truely do & execute all and every other thing and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your said office, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that as wel all the said honours castels lordships manours meles lands tenementes rentes seruices tithes penciōs portis aduousons patronages forrestes parkes chales warrens woodes vnderwoodes and all other hereditamentes, also all other thinge and thinges mencioned in the saide Cedula, signed with the kings signe manuell, or whiche hereafter shall be comprised in any other cedula, hereafter to be signed by the kings maiestie, as is aforesaide, and deliuered to the said generall surueyours, shall be onely in the order surueye rule and gouernaunce of the said court.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said general surueiours Treasurer attourney and maister of the woodes, or thzee of them, wherof the one of the saide generall surueiours shalbe one, shall haue full power and auctoritie from hensforth, to call befoze them all and singular receiuours, bailiffes, and all other officers and ministers, accomptable to the kings highnesse, and euery of them, and all and euery other personne and personnes, that now be, or that hereafter shall be accomptable, chargeable, or aunswerable to the kings highnesse, of or for any thing or thinges comprised or contened in the saide cedula, or that hereafter shall bee comprised in anye other cedula, signed with the kings signe Manuel, and deliuered to the same Surueiours, as is aforesaide, and shall haue full power and auctoritie, from hensforth, to compelle the saide accomptantes, to accompte befoze them, and also to examine, here, and determine their accomptes, and all circumstaunces therof, and to do, and execute all and euery thinge and thinges, in and vpon euery of the saide accomptes as well for the sure paiement and satisfaction of such rentes, fermes, yssues, profites, reuenues, dettes, and dueties, as ben or shall growe vnto the

kinges highnes by reason of the same, as in and for allowaunce and pay-
mentes of fees wages diettes reparaciōs vacaciōs rentes resolute rewar-
des or other thinges what so ever by them thought requisite and conveni-
ent by their discreacions. And generally shall have full power and aucto-
ritie, to leuy or cause to be leuied to the kinges vse by al waies and meanes
by their discreacions, all and singuler the rentes fermes issues reuenues
profittes arrerages dettes and dueties, that shall growe and be due to the
kyng, or in or by reason of the honours castelles manours landes teneme-
tes and other hereditamentes, committed or to be committed by auctoritie
of this acte, to the suruey rule order and gouernance of the said courte of
surueyours, and of the officers & ministers therof aforesaide. And that the
saide general Surueyours Treasourer Attourney and maister of the wood-
des, or thre of them, as is aforesaide, from henseforth, shall have full po-
wer & auctoritie, to commit all and euery the said accomptances, and other
persōs, owyng any dettes or duitie to the kinges highnes, by reason of the
premisses or any of them, to prison, as well if they be found in arrerages b-
pon their accomptes, as if any of them do refuse to make their accomptes,
as is aforesaid, or pay their said dettes, & to let them to bayle and mainprise
or to any other suretie at all times, as they by their discreacions shall thinke
reasonable, as well for the sure payment therof, as also for the contentacion
and paymente of all suche arrerages forfettes dettes and peines as any of
the saide accomptances, or other shall be founde in: and all other thinges
concerning the premisses, and euery parte of them, as to them shall seeme
conueniēt. And that the said general surueyours treasourer attourney and
maister of the woodes, or thre of them, as is abouesaide, shall have full
power and auctoritie, to acquite and discharge al & euery accomptant and
accomptātes, that haue or shall finishe and determine his or their accompt
or accomptes befoze them, and all and singuler other persons, that shall paie
iustely and trewly their dettes due to the kinge by reason of the premisses
or any of them. And that all and singuler acquitaunces and *Quietus est*, syg-
ned by the saide general Surueyours Treasourer Attourney and maister
of the woodes, or thre of them, as is abouesaide, shall be enrolled in the re-
cordes befoze them, and shal be a good sufficient acquittance and discharge
to the partie or parties, to whom they shall be made, to and for al maner such
accomptes dettes and other thinges, for or concerninge the premisses, or
any parte or parcell therof.

¶ Be it also enacted, by the said auctoritie, that the said generall Suruey-
ours, shall have full power and auctoritie from henseforth, to couenant di-
mit let or let to ferme, for terme of .xxi. yeres, or vnder, to any persone or per-
sons, any of the lands tenementes hereditamētes or other profites what so
ever they be, contained in the saide cedula, or whiche hereafter shall be com-
prised in any other cedula, to be signed & deliuered as is aforesaide, or kno-
wen reputed or taken, as parcel of the landes tenementes or hereditamētes
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and deliuered as is aforesaid. And also all and euery the landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, which be or hereafter shalbe conceived and specified in any chaumberlaines accompte, receiours accompte, bailiffes accompte, ministers accompte, or the accompt of any officer or officers, which may by force of this acte, or by auctoritee of any Cedula, signed or hereafter to be signed, and deliuered, as is aforesaid, be viewed examined seen or controlled by the said soueignours, by what soeuer name or names the saide landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or any of them be called: the same lease or leases to be made in maner and fourme folowing, that is to say, that all and euery bill or billes of lease of any of the premisses, for terme of .xxi. yerres or vnder, wherof the yerely ferme or rente reserued shal extend and amount to the yerely value of .vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. or aboue, that shal be hereafter signed with the handes of the said general Surueiours, shalbe a sufficient & immediate warrant vnto the kinges principall secretozie for the time being, to make or cause to be made in the kinges name, letters of warrant sealed with the kinges signet, accordinge to the tenour forme and effecte of the saide bill or billes, to the lord keeper of the kinges priue seale: and therupon the lord priuy seale shal make or cause to be made other letters of like warrant, sealed with the priue seale to the lord Chauncellour of England, or lord keeper of the kinges great seale, chauncellour or chamberlaines of any of his counties Palantines, or principalltie of Wales: and that the same warrant vnder the priue seale, shalbe a sufficient & immediate warrant to the chauncellour of Englad that now is, or that hereafter shal be, & to the chauncellour and chamberlaines, & other officers of the counties Palantines and principalltie of Wales that now be, & that hereafter shalbe, to make and deliuer letters pattentes vnder the kinges greates seale and other his graces seales, being in their custody, in due forme to be made according to the tenour effect purpozt and course of the saide priue seales, to them in that behalfe directed accordinge to the acte therof made, in the xxvii. yere of the raigne of our said soueraigne lord the kinge, paynge and yeldyng suche fees for the same, as well to the signet and priue seale, as in the kinges Chancerie, as hath ben bled and accustomed: and also payng such fees to the said Chauncellour and Chamberlaines: and other officers of the said counties Palantines, Chester, Wales and marches of the same, as also heretofore hath ben bled for the same. And that all and euery bill and billes of leases of any the premisses, for terme of .xxi. yerres, or vnder, wherof the rent and ferme reserued shalbe vnder the yerely value of .vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. and signed as is aforesaid, shal be a sufficient and immediate warrant to the Chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge, and to all other the kinges Chauncellours, chamberlains and other officers in the countie Palantine of Chester and Wales, and the marches of the same, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kinges great seale and other seales, according to the tenour purpozte effecte and course of the saide bill vnto all and euery the aforesaide parties.

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Provided alway that the said generall Surueyours for the time being shal not hereafter, by auctoritee of this acte, make any lease of the reuerſion of any of the said landes, tenementes, and other the premises beinge then in lease, vnlesse they haue a bill or warrant therof signed by the hand of the kinges maiestie, his heires or successours. Also the saide Clarke for the time being of the said court, shall enroll and register in a greate booke of parchment, all and euery lease and leases, and all other writings, which shalbe made and graunted as is abouesaid, of for or concerning the premises, or any parte or parcel therof: which register of enrollementes shall remaine and be safely kept in the said court, as a recorde to the kinges vse by the appointment of the said generall Surueiours. And that also the said clarke shall entre into a booke the aparances of euery person, that shall be called to appere in the said court: and al actes decrees and orders that shal be made by the saide court, taking suche fees for the same, and for writing, & enrolling of any leases, letters patentes, or other writings as the clarke of the duchy of Lancaster hath ben accustomed to take and haue.

Also the said generall Surueiours, Treasourer, atturney, and maister of the woodes, or thzee of them, as is abouesaid, shall haue power and auctoritee, to take recognisances for all causes and matters nowe dependinge befoze the said generall Surueiours, or that hereafter shal depende in this court of general surueiours, of for or concerning the premises, or any parcel therof: or of and for any dettes to be due to the king, or for any appaunce to be made in the said court by reason of the same: and to cancell and discharge all such recognisances by their discrecions. And also shal haue full power and auctoritee, to award vnder the priuy seale appointed to the same court, in the kinges name such procelles & preceptes, with reasonable paines to be therein limited, as be now commonly vled in the court of the kinges Duchy chamber of Lancaster, against euery person or persons what soeuer they be, for or concerning any thing or thinges limited or appointed to the order or suruey of the said court, for any the causes or matters aforesaid, and vpon any contempte to punishe the offendour by imprisonment, or other wise by their discrecions.

Also it is ordeined by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the saide officers appointed to the said court, shall diligently from time to time attende vpon the said generall surueiours in the said court or els where, at the commaundement of the said surueiours, for the heying and ordering of matters and causes concerning the same.

And be it also enacted, that euery of the said receiuours general & particular, shal wel diligently and effectually gather and leue to the kinges vse all suche issues, fermes, dettes, and profittes as shall be limited to his or their charge, and distraine for the same, if nebe so require: and that euery of the said receiuours and auditours generall and particular, so ioynd together by the appointment of the said court, or the most parte of them, shall well and truly suruey all maner of reparacions, nedefull to be done in or vpon

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upon any of the said manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, limited and appointed by his or their charge: the said reparacions to be done to the kinges most profit and least charge.

¶ And also it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaid, that al the rentes, fermes, issues, dettes & profittes of the said honours, castels, lordshippes manours landes, tenementes, and of all other premisses, whiche be assigned to the order suruey and gouernance of the said courte, as they shall grow due & be payable, shall be paid and deliuered at suche time, as hereafter in this acte shall be declared, to the handes of the saide Treasourer, by euery of the saide receiuours general and particular, or by suche other as shall be indebted to the king, to be safely kept to the kinges vse, upon peine of forfeiture of his or their offices and fees.

¶ And also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide auditours, as they shall be assigned, shall yerely ride to the partie to him or them to be limited, betwene the feast of saint Michaell the archaungell and the Nativite of our lord, & take the accompt of all bailiues, reues, fermours, tenementes and occupiers of the manours, landes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, within the limittes of his or their assignemēt. And immediately upon euery suche accompte, so to be made and determined, or before the saide feast of the Nativite of our lord, the said accomptantes and euery of them, shall well and truly content and pay, or cause to be contented and paid to the receiour therunto deputed, or to be deputed, all suche dettes, duties and arrerages, as they and euery of them shalbe found in, & charged with upon euery such accompt, upon peine of forfeiture of his or their offices and fees.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al receiuours and Chamberlaines now accomptantes, and all other receiuours and Chamberlaynes, whiche hereafter shalbe accomptantes, of or for any the premisses contained in the said Cedula, upon like paine as is aforesaid, shal yerely before the first day of Marche make and finish their accomptes, before the auditour or auditours, therunto to be assigned, of and for all thinges belonging to their offices, for the hole yere ended at the feast of saint Michaell the archaungell next preceeding the said first day of Marche: And immediately upon the same accompte so to be made finished and determined or before the xx. day of Marche then next folowing, shal contente and pay to the said Treasorer, all suche duties, dettes and arrerages, as they or any of them shalbe charged with and founde in, upon the determinaciō of euery such accompte, upon like paine, as is aforesaid.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide auditours Receiuours general and particular, at all times upon warninge giuen to them by the saide courte, shall assemble together, as well for the ordering of the said honours castels, lordshippes, manours, landes, tenementes and other the premisses, as of the tenautes of the same, from time to time, as the case shal require, as for the viewing and determinaciō of the said accomptes

tes to be made thereof before the said court.

¶ Also it is ordeined by auctoritee aforesaid, that all the accôptes of euery yere to be ended at the feast of saint Michaell the archangel, of the said receiues Chamberlaines, bailiffes, reues, fermours and occupiers of the said honours, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes aforesaid, shalbe wel and perfectly engrossed in parchment by the said auditors, and deliuered into the said court, safely to be kepte to the kinges vse euery yere yere before the Nativite of saint John Baptist next ensuing the said feast of saint Michaell the archangel, upon paine to forsaite their office and fees.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the Treasourer of the said court shal yere accompte before the said generall Surueiours, at tourney & maister of the woodes, or afore the moste parte of them, or afore such person or persons, as the kinges highnes his heires and successours, shal therunto name and appoint, as well of for and concerning all and euery the receites, issues and profits of his office of Treasourership, of this court, as of all and euery the receites, issues, profits, dettes, and thinges concerning his office of treasourership of the kinges Chamber: and that they so hering the same accompte, shal haue full auctoritee and power, to alowe and disalowe vnto the said Treasourer all & euery thing or thinges to be alowed and disalowed vpon his accompte, as by their discrecions shalbe thought mete and convenient.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the clarkes of the petibagge in the kinges Chauncerie, shal extrete and certifie into the said court of generall Surueiours a true and iuste transumpt of all offices & inquisitions hereafter to be found and taken, of for and concerning any castels, honours, manours, landes, tenementes hereditamentes or other possessions, which at any time hereafter shal come and be in the kinges handes and possession, by reason of any attainour conviction or other forfeiture be it by writ commission or otherwise returnable in the said Chauncery, in like maner & forme as they haue be accustomed to do in the kinges elchequer in such cases, and vpon like paines, and shal not from henceforth be compelled to certifie any transcriptes of such offices or inquisitions into the kinges Elchequer as they were accustomed, any law statute custome or other thing or thinges to the contrarie therof had or made in any wise notwithstanding. And that all inquisitions hereafter to be taken Virtute officii, for or concerning the premisses or any of them, shal be immediately returned and certified into the said court of Surueiours and not els where, vpon like paine as is limited and hath be vled for none certificate of suche offices into the kinges elchequer, any law vse or custome to the contrarie notwithstanding.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the said maister of the said woodes for the time being, shal suruey or cause to be surueied, as wel al the woodes and vnderwoods, which be or hereafter shalbe with
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In the order suruey and rule of the said court, as al and singuler the woodes and vnderwoodes in the kinges forrestes, chales, parkes and landes, of his highnes olde enheritaunce of his crowne from time to time, as he shall thinke conuenient by his discrecion, and shall haue ful powet and auctoritie by the assent of the said court, without warrant of the kinges highnes, to make sale and sales of all and singuler the said woodes and vnderwoodes vpon open proclamacions therof to be made in the church market or other place next adioynng to the same woodes so to be solde, forseyphge alwaies that the saide woodes be fensed from time to time, as nede shall require, for the increase therof.

¶ Provided alwaies that the said sales of woodes do not extende to great timber, without the kinges warrant for the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al and singuler such summes of money, as shalbe receiued for the sale of the saide woodes, and vnderwoodes or any part of the same, shalbe deliuered yerely before the feast of all sainctes by the said maister of the woodes, to the Treasourer of the said court for the time beyng to the kinges vse.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that no timber or wood requisite & necessarie for reparacions of any the castels, manours, places, messuages, tenementes, pales, and railles of parkes, aswel such as be in the occupation, tenure and holding of any the kinges fermours and tenants, as also al other which be in the kinges handes, being any of the castelles, manours, places, messuages or tenementes aforesaid, shal be taken for the same, onelesse they be appointed and deliuered by the Maister of the sayd woodes for the time beyng, with the assent of the said court, within whose suruey the said woodes are growyng.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the Maister of the sayde woodes shall make yerely in the terme of saint Michael tharchangel a ful true and perfect accompte before the said court, of al and euery the woodes as well of for and concernig all and euery summe and summes of money, concerning the said office, as of and for al and euery other thing and thinges that shall belong and appertene to the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the saide generall surueyours and maister of the said woodes for the time being, shal declare yerely to the kinges highnes the profites and summes of money cominge growyng and rising of and vpon the sale of al and singular woodes within his saide office.

¶ Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that this act ne any thing therein contained, be in any wise prejudicial or hurtfull to the iustices wardens stewardes, lieutenantes or clerkes of the swannimotes of any forrestes, parkes or chales, for or concernig any of their offices powers or auctorities: but onely for and concernig surueyng of woodes and woodsales to be had and made in any parke forrest and chafe, and the punishment of the offendours therein, and the naming rulyng and ordering of

of the berderours therof.

And it is enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that the maister of þe woodes shall yerely pay or cause to be paide of such summes of money, as shall yerely rise & come of the said woodsales, so to be made in parkes, forrestes and chales of the kinges olde inheritance of his graces crowne, all and all maner of fees and wages, as hath bene of olde time accustomed to be paid by the king for the exercising of any office within the said parkes, forrestes and chales, according to a certificat by writing therof to be made vnto the said maister of the woodes, by and from the Iustices of forrestes or any of them, or any their deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the said maister of the woodes for the time being, shall make payment for all and all maner of reparacions nedeful to be done in & vpon any pale raile & lodge within any of the said parkes, forrestes and chales, and assigne timber for þe same, vpon any request therof to be made in writing, by and from the said iustices of forrestes. And the saide maister of the woodes shall allow all maner of feewell and house to be sped and occupied within the said parkes, forrestes and chales, as it hath ben of olde time there used and accustomed.

And it is also provided and enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any wood sale within the parkes, chales and forrestes aforesaid, or any of them, but by the assent of the Iustices of forrestes for the time being, within whose auctoritee such forrestes, chales and parkes been, any thinge in this acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Also it is enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that all maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kinges Eschequer to or against any person or persons, for any fermes, rentes, issues or profits, or other thinges concerninge the premisses, or any parte thereof limited by this act to be in the suruey or det & gouernaunce of the said court and the ministers thereof shalbe clerely void and of none effect.

Also it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the saide generall surueiours and Treasourer shall yerely declare to the kinges highnes the state of the clere yerely value of the said honours castels, lordships manours landes, tenementes, rentes, pencions, porcions, tithes, & other hereditamentes, and other the premisses, and what remaineth thereof in the handes of the saide Treasourer.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that all such manours messuages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions and other hereditamentes, which in any maner of wise heretofore hath bene or hereafter shalbe in the handes or possession of our said soueraigne lord the king, his heires or successours, by auctoritee of any atteinder exchete or forfaiture, set lieng & beinge in the countie Palantine of Lancaster, may at the free will libertie and pleasure of our said soueraigne lord be assigned, limited and appoin-

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appointed vnto the order surueiynge letting and setting of the Chancellour & officers of his said duchy, in as large & ample maner & forme as the said chancellour & officers of the said duchy of Lancaster, haue heretofore had vsed and exercised of or vpon any the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes apperteyning or in any wise belonging to the said duchy, this act or any thing therein contained to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And it is enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that as well the said act of the generall Surueiours, made in the saide. xlii. and. xv. yeres, as also the said acte therof made in the. xxvii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne lord kinge Henry the eight that now is, and euery article clause & matter therein contained, shall be from the first daie of Maie, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. xlii. utterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that all leases grauntes procelle orders decrees and al & euery other thing or thinges heretofore lausfully executed and done by the said generall surueiours and all and euery other thinge or thinges now remaininge or dependinge before them vndiscussed and vndetermined by vertue of the said former actes, shall be of the same force value strengthe and effecte, as they now be or should haue bene, if this acte had neuer bene had or made.

¶ Provided also that this acte nor any article clause or thing therein conteyned, shall extende to anie lands tenementes possessions or hereditamentes, whiche now be or hereafter shal be in the suruey rule order & gouernaunce of the kinges courte of the Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, nor shal giue any power vnto the said courte of Surueiours to make any lease or to take any accompt of or for the same, any thing contained in this acte to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Provided also that this acte ne any thinge therein contained, extend or be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to anie the general surueiours now beinge, nor to any auditour or auditours, receiour or receiours, surueiour or surueiours, or to any other officer or officers, of for or concerninge anie of the said castelles honours manours landes tenementes hereditamentes profittes or casualties, or any other the premisses, or anie parte therof: but that they & euery of them shal & may haue & enioy their offices, accordinge to the purport tenour and effect of their seuerall letters pattentes & graunts as wel of the kinges maiestie as of any other person, therof to them & euery of them heretofore made any article clause or matter in this present act mentioned or declared to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And where the kinges highnes of late, by auctorite of parliamēt holdē at westm in the. xxvii. yere of his graces raigē, hath erected a certain court called the courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crown, and by the same made the same a court of recorde: and bi the same act hath assigned limited and appointed diuers manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes to be in the order suruey & gouernāce of the same court, with diuers other articles and clauses in the same acte expressed & declared. And

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where also by one other act of parliament, begun and holden at Westm, the xxviii. daie of April, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of the king our soueraigne lord, and by diuers prorogacions continued vntill the. xxv. daie of Maie, in the. xxii. yere of our saide soueraigne lord: It was enacted and established, that certain liberties franchises iurisdiccions and preeminences concerning the same manors landes & other hereditamentes, shuld be reuiued & be in the order rule and suruei of the same court, to al intentes & purposes as by the same acte made in the said. xxii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne lord, at large doth & mai more plainly appere: Be it now ordeined established & enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the same act concerning the establishment of the said court of augmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne. And also the said act for reuiuing of liberties, shal fro hensforth for ever stand & abide in their full strength effect & vertue after & according to the true intent & mening of the same several actes & foresaid. ¶ And where the kinges maiestie for diuers considerations & respectes hath taken bought and purchased diuers & sundrie his graces subiectes for redy money, promised to be paide by his graces officers & surueyours diuers manors landes tenentes rentes reuercions woodes & other hereditamentes, as wel by smal parcels as otherwise, & part therof hath ben enclosed into parkes orchardes or gardens, & the partie or parties haue not ben paid for lacke of warrantes signed by the kinges most gracious hande & haue ben compelled oft & sundrie times to resort to officers of the said court of augmentacions for the speedy payment of their said dutie or duties, to their inestimable costes & charges: And where also diuers & sundry of the late gouernors & rulers of houses of religion now remaining in the kinges handes were & be iustly & truly indetted, & do yet owe to sundry of the kinges subiectes being very poore me, aswel for wages vitalles prouision of their houses & money lent & other iust true and good causes, conuerted to the vse of their houses, many & great sommes of money, for the paymet wherof the same parties haue made & daily do make continual complaintes & suite to the same court of augmentacions for their speedy payment: & many of the same parties satisfied & contented by the said court of augmentacions, & as yet a greatte number of them be to be satisfied contented & paid, which paimentes & satisfactions as well made as to be made, do require especial warrantes signed with the kinges most gracious had, the lack wherof hath ben & is like to be not only a great delay to the kinges true & louing subiectes, for the speedie payment of their dets & duties to the due, but also shuld and shalbe a tedious & a continual traueil vnto the kinges maiestie for the ofte signing of the same In consideration wherof be it enacted ordeined & established, by thaurtoritie of this present parliament, that as wel al paimentes & satisfactions heretofore paid as hereafter to be paid by the treasorer & particular receuers for the time being of the same court, by the decree or comandmet in writing of the chanceler, by thassent of the counsell of the same court, or the more parte of the, for the purchasing or bieng of any manors landes tenementes or other hereditamentes

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 or inclosed, as is aforesaid, as also for the recompence and satisfaction of al
 lafull good true and iust dettes and expences, as well payde as hereafter
 to be paid by the said tresourer or particular receiuour or receiuours, by the
 warrant of the said Chauncellour in wryting, by the assent of the said coun-
 cell or the more parte of them, as is aforesaid (not exceding to any one per-
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 raigne lord the kinge, his heires and succellours for ever, to all ententes
 and purposes: And that the said tresourer and particular receiuour, their
 heires executours and administratours, for the said severall paymentes by
 warrant wrytten of the saide Chauncellour in fourme aforesaide, shall be
 clerely exonerated acquitted and discharged to all intentes and purposes
 And that the same tresourer & recepuour & receiuours their heires executours
 and administratours, shall be allowed discharged & acquitted therof vpon his
 or their declaracion of accompte befoze the Chauncellour & counsaile of the
 same court, or vpon his or their accompt made to the auditor appointed or
 assigned by the said Chauncellour, to take and here the accompt of the same
 Tresourer or receiuour or receiuours, their executours or administratours
 And where diuers and sundrie obligacions and specialties heretofore
 haue bene made to diuers persons, part of them to the vse of king Henry the
 vii. father of our now mozte gracious soueraigne lord: and parte of them
 to the vse and behofe of our sayde soueraigne lord: Be it enacted by the
 king our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempo-
 ral, and the comons in this pzeent parliament assembled, and by auctori-
 tee of the same, that al obligacions and specialties, whiche after the first day
 of May next comming, shall be made for any cause or causes touching or in
 any wise concorning the kings most roial maiestie or his heires, or to his or
 their vse commodittie or behofe, shall be made to his highnes & to his heires
 kinges in his or their name or names by these wordes, Domino regi, & to
 none other person or persons to his vse, and to be payde to his highnes by
 these wordes, Soluend. eidē domino regi, hered. vel executoribus suis, with
 other wordes vled & accustomed in comon obligaciōs. And that al such ob-
 ligacions & specialties so to be made shall be good and effectuell in the lawe
 to all purposes & intentes, and shall be in the same nature kind qualitie force
 and effect to all intentes & purposes, as the wrytinges obligatori taken and
 knowleged according to the statute of the staple at Westm̄ hath at any time
 befoze the making of this pzeent act, ben taken vled exercised & executed a-
 gainst any lay pson or persons, any law vlage or custome to the contrary ther
 of notwithstanding. And p̄ al such obligaciōs & specialties, the det whereof
 bring not paid nor cōtented in the life of the king, shall come remain & be to
 the heires or executours of the king, at the free libertie disposiciō assignmēt
 & appointment of the same king, to whō such obligaciōs or specialties shall
 be made as is aforesaid, And if any person or persons in his or their owne

person, or persones after the saide first daie of Maie, make or take anie obligation or obligations to the vse of the kinges maiestie, or of his heires kinges, otherwise then before is expressed, that then such person or persons only that shall so offende, contrary to this present act, for his or theirs so doinge, shall haue & suffer suche imprisonment as shall be assessed and adiudged by the kinge or his honorable counsaile, daily attendant vppon his highnes most royall person: And that all suites to be made after the first daie of Aprill next comming for the recouerie of or for any the kinges dettes, in any the kinges countes mencioned in this acte, of or vpon any obligation or specialty dated or deliuered before the makinge of this present acte, or whiche shall be dated and deliuered to the king or to his vse, afore the seconde daie of May next coming, shall be taken sue and pursued in the name of the kinge and in the name of none other person or persons, to what so euer person or persons the saide obligation or specialties or any of them, be haue bene or shall be made to the kinges vse. And that all suites procelle iudgementes decrees & execucions hereafter to be taken pursued or geuen for the king in any the kinges courtes, mencioned in this act, of for or vpon any the same obligations last afore mentioned, shall be of the same or lyke strength force effect and intent in the law to all purposes onely against all and all maner suche person and persons as ben bounden in such obligations or specialties, as well spirituall as tempozall, as against their heires successours executours and administratours and euery of them, & against none other, as writings obligatozies taken and knowledged according to the statute of the stable at Westm at any time before the making of this present acte, haue ben bled to be taken exercised and executed against anye lay person or persones. And that the king in al suites hereafter to be taken in or vpon any obligation or specialties, made or hereafter to be made to the kinge, or anye to his vse shall haue and recouer his iuste dettes costes and dammages, as other commō persons vse to doe in suites and pursutes for their dettes. And that all such suites as now be dependinge in the name of anye common persone to his graces vse, wherof no verdict is or before the feast of Easter next comming shall be geuen or passed, or no exigende awarded, shall abate be boide and of none effecte. And neuerthelesse the king by the auctoritie aforelaide, shall haue his suite and remedie for the said dette so being in action and proces, in fourme as is aforelaide, in any of the courtes in this act mencioned, any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesaid, that all and euery suite and suites, whiche hereafter shall be hadde made or taken, of for or vpon anye det or duties, which heretofore hath growen or be dew, or that hereafter shall growe or be due to the kinge, in the seuerall offices and courtes of his Eschequer, Duchie of Lancaster, Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, Surueiours generall of his manours landes and tenementes, Maister of the wardes and liueries, and courte of the first fruites and tenthes, or in any of them, or by reason or auctoritie of anye of theim, shall be

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be severally sued in suche one of the saide courtes and offices, in the which court and office, or by reason of the which court and office, the same dette or durtie dydde first growe or become to be due, or hereafter shall growe or become due, or in the which office or court the recognisance obligaciō or specialtie is or shall be or remaine. And every such severall suite and suites shall be made in every of the saide severall offices and courtes vnder the severall seales of the saide severall courtes by Capias, Extendi facias, Sub pena, attachementes, & proclamacions of allegiance, if neede shall requyre, or any of them, or otherwise, as vnto the saide severall courtes shall bee thought by their discreacions expediente for the speedie recouerie of the kinges debtes. And that the saide court of Eschequer, and all and euerie of the saide courtes, shall haue hole and full auctoritie and power, to here and determine al and every suche suite and suites as hereafter shall be taken commensed and pursued for the intent aboue specified, and therupon to award make and dooe execution by and vpon the bodie landes and goodes of the partie or parties that so shall be condemned accordingly. And also shall haue full power and auctoritie, to here and determine al and al maner of bettes Detinues, trespasses, accomptes, reconinges, waikes, disseites negligences defautes contemptes complaintes ryottes quarrelles suites styfes controuerlies forsaitures offences and other thinges what so euer they shall bee, whiche hereafter shall growe be moued stered procured pursued or arise in for or vpon any matter cause or other thinge assigned committed or appointed or hereafter to be assigned committed or appointed to the seueral directions orders and gouernances of the same courtes, or any of them, or for or vpon any maner of thinge or thinges, whiche maie or shall touche or in any wise concerne the same, wherein the kynge shall be onely partie, And also all maner of states for terme of yeres betwene partie and partie concerning the premises, and to correct and punishe by their discreacions all and every persone and personnes, whiche before them shall be conuicted of any of the premises, according to the nature qualitie and quantitie of his or their offence or offences, cause or causes, matter or matters, al and al maner of treasons murders felonies estates rightes titles and interestes, as wel of inheritance as of freeholde, other then ioynters for terme of life onely excepted and alwaies reserved.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any persone or persons shall make or pretende any claime right title interest or possession, in or to any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, bargayned sold or exchaunged, or hereafter to be bargained solde or exchaunged by the kinge our soueraigne lord, to any person or persons in fee simple fee taile, by his highnes letters patents made or to be made therof vnder his great seale of England, vpon whiche letters patentes there is or shall be reserved any annuall rentes or termes payable to the kinges highnes his heires or successours in his saide court of Augmentacions, or demande or aske any rentes annuities offices fees or other profites in out or of any lache manours

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gained solde or exchaunged, by the king his heires or successours, to any
persone or persons in fee simple or fee taile, by his or their letters patentes
therof made or hereafter to be made vnder his or their great seale of Englād
vpon which letters patentes is or shalbe referued any annual rentes or fer-
mes payable, or which shalbe payable to the king his heires or successours,
in his saide courte of Augmentacions: Or if the kinge his heires or succes-
sours, demaunde or aske any rentes annuities or other profits or heredita-
mentes of any estate of inheritauce, in or out of any manours landes,
tenementes or hereditaments contained or comprised, or to be contained or
comprised, appointed or to be appointed or assigned, to the saide courte of
Augmentacions, in anie letters patentes made or hereafter to be made, as is
aforesaid: That than the Chauncellour of the saide courte of Augmenta-
cion, by the assente of the counsaile of the saide courte, or the moze parte of
them, shall haue power & auctoritie by auctoritie of this act, to examine all
such demandes rightes titles interestes and possessions, rentes annuities, of-
fices fees and other profits & hereditaments, what so euer they shalbe, &
euery of them so to be demanded pretended claimed or asked, as is aforesaid
and by witnes proses and other waies and meanes by their discrecions, to
here and determine the same: And in case the kinges patentes in any suche
letters patentes as is aforesaid, or any of them, their heires successours or
assignes, shall be compelled by the auctoritie of the saide courte of Augmē-
tacions, by decree or iudgement of the same court, to render and yeld to any
person or persons in fee simple or fee taile, the landes tenementes or heredi-
mentes comprised or specified in anie such letters patentes, or any parcel of
them, or to suffer anie person or persons to haue and enioy any offices ren-
tes annuities or other profits or hereditaments in fee simple or in fee taile
out or of the same, or out of anie parcell therof: And that it shall appere in
the saide letters patentes, that the kinge his heires or successours, is or
shall be bounden, or of right and equitie ought to recompence and satisfie
the saide patentes, their heires successours executours or assignes, or anie
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charge and acquite the saide patentes, their heires successours executours
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manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, in any such letters patentes comprised, or rentes annuities offices, fees or other profits in ouste or of the same: that than in all and every such case and cases the said Chauncellour of the augmentacions for the time being, with the assent of thre or more suche persons as hereafter shall be named by the kinge his heires or successours shall have full power and auctoritie without any bill or warrant to be signed or sued from the kinge his heires or successours for the same, as well to recompence and satisfie the partie or parties greued, so much in money of the kinges treasure remaining in the said court of Augmentacions, as the said manours, landes, tenementes rentes, annuities offices, fees, or other profits or hereditamentes, lost or recovered by decree or iudgement of the said court of Augmentacions, as is aforesaide, shall be worthe to be solde or otherwise discharge and acquite such person or persons therof according to his or their letters patentes, as also to make and take order direction decree and iudgement for the kinge his heires and successours, for the recouerie attaininge and hauinge of all and singular suche manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities offices fees, profits, & hereditamentes, and all and every other thing and thinges, which the kinge his heires and successours by and vpon suche examination and examinations, ought should & shalbe iustly intitled to haue recouer possede or inioyn in fee simple or in fee taile: And the same decree direction order and iudgement to be good and effectuell in the lawe, to binde all parties and priues to the same to al intentes & purposes. And where any decree or iudgement which shalbe giuen in the said court of augmentacions for any the premises, extende to the losse of the kinges patente or patentes, their heires successours, executours or administratours, but for terme of life or liues of the Demaundant or Demaundantes, pleintif or pleintifes, or for terme of yeres the losse wherof the king is bounden and ought to recompence discharge or acquite by his letters patentes: than the saide Chauncellour of the augmentacions shal haue full power and auctoritee to recompence or discharge the same in money, as is aforesaid, or els to recompence the same of the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, & possessions limited to the suruey and gouernaunce of the saide courte of augmentacions, to be graunted vnder the seale of the same courte by the discrecion of the saide Chauncellour, as shall seme to him best for the kinges profit, without any bill or warrant to be sued or signed by or from the king for the same. And that every suche recompence satisfaction and discharge to be made by auctoritie of this act, to any person or persons by the saide Chauncellour as is aforesaide, shall be good and effectuell against the king his heires and successours, any lawe blage or custome to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesaide, that every of the saide courtes shall haue full power and auctoritie, by force of this acte, to set such fines, penalties, and amerciametes vpon parties, shiriffes officers, and other persons, for his and their defaultes, contemptes, negligences or mesde-

misdeameours, as vnto the saide courtes oꝛ vnto any of them shalbe reasonably considered & thought expendient. And that all and euery trial and trialles, of all and all maner of suites, billes, plaintes, informacions, declarations, cōpleintes, answers, replications, allegacions, causes, matters, & issues oꝛ any of them, to be pursued made oꝛ tried in the said seuerall courtes oꝛ any of them, shalbe made and tried by due examinacion of witnes writings, pꝛofes, oꝛ by such other waies oꝛ meanes, as by the saide seuerall courtes, oꝛ by any of them shalbe thought expendient. And that all and euerye suche iudgement and iudgementes decree oꝛ decrees examinacion and examinacions shalbe good perfect and in full strength force and effecte in the law to all intentes constructions and purposes.

¶ And where diuers & sundrie persons stand bounden to the kinges highnes in diuers great and notable summes of money, by recognisaunce oꝛ oꝛther bondes, in the saide seuerall courtes oꝛ dettes due to the kinges highnes, aswell for the purchase of landes and woodes and perfourmaunce of condicions, as also for diuers and sundrie other causes: and all be it the same persons haue wel and truely satisfied, contented and paide the same dettes oꝛ perfourmed the condicions of the same recognisaunce oꝛ other bondes, yet the same recognisances oꝛ other bondes cannot be made boide without the kinges especial warrant, which shuld be much vnquietnes to the kinges maiestie, and also very chargeable to his graces subiectes, to sue to his highnes from time to time for the same. In consideracion wherof, and for as much as the said persons beinge so bounden by recognisaunce, oꝛ in oꝛther bondes, may by diuers casualties lose their acquitāces, whereby great daunger and peril may grow to them their heires executours and successors: Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that vpon sight of the acquitances, made oꝛ to be made for the paiement of the saide dette oꝛ dettes oꝛ summe oꝛ summes of money, growen oꝛ to be growen, oꝛ due and sufficient pꝛofe made oꝛ hereafter to be made before the saide seuerall head officers for the time being of the said seuerall courtes, as the case shall rise oꝛ growe, oꝛ if the condition of the same recognisance oꝛ bonde be perfourmed oꝛ kept: That than euery such seuerall head officer, for that recognisance taken oꝛ to be taken by him oꝛ any of his predecessours, oꝛ of any oꝛther bonde for time being within his charge and cure, shall haue full power and auctoritie to cancell and make boide the saide recognisance oꝛ oꝛther bonde, calling to him suche of the same courte as to him oꝛ them shall seeme moſte conuenient for the cancellation of the same recognisaunce oꝛ bonde.

¶ And bee it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that the same cancellation so made, shall be a sure and sufficiente discharge of the same recognisaunce oꝛ other bonde, to all and euerye suche person oꝛ personnes, as doo oꝛ shall stande bounden in the same recognisaunce oꝛ bonde

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so cancelled against the kinges highnes his heires executours and successours for ever.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the same severall head officers for the time being, in every of their said severall courtes, shall have full power and auctoritee to discharge concele or make boide by his or their discretion, all and singular recognisances now made or hereafter to be made in the said court, for any aparance or other contempt: and that the same head officer or officers, and the parties so bounden and to be bounden, to be discharged against the king our saide souveraigne lord his heires executours & successors for the cancellaciō of the same recognisance.

¶ And where the kinges maiestie sithen the makinge of the same estatute in the said. xxvii. yere of his noble reigne, of his owne mere motion liberallitie and benignite, hath frely geuen & graunted by his sundrie letters patentes vnder his great seale of England, vnto diuers and sundry of the nobles and lordes, as well spiritual as tempozall of this his realme, and also vnto diuers & many other persons & bodies politike, to their heires or successors, and to the heires of their bodies, or for terme of life or liues, diuers and many sundrie honours, castles, manours, landes, tenemētes rectories, pncions, porcions & other hereditamētes, which than were in the order gouernaunce and suruey of the same court of the augmentacions of the reuenues of his graces crowne, or out of any other of the saide severall courtes, reseruing vnto his maiesty his heires and successors by the same letters patentes, one yerely rent in the name of one tenth, or the tenth parte of the yerely value of the same pzemisses, or any other tenth payable and to be paid in the same courtes, or to the officers of the same courtes Deputed and assigned for the same, at one certaine feast or day in the same letters patentes mencioned and declared, whiche saide persons so aduaunced, notwithstanding they haue sithen & after the making of the same letters patentes peaceably enioied the same manors lands tenementes & hereditamētes so geuen, and therof haue quietly perceiued and taken the issues, reuenues and profits therof: yet neuerthelesse diuers of the same personnes haue not at the daies and feastes assigned and limited vnto them in the same letters patentes, nor yet in longe time after the same daies & feastes of payment therof, contented and paid in the same courtes, or to the officers of the same courtes assigned & deputed for the same, the said yerely rent or rentes so reserued to the kinges highnes, contrarie to their dueties, and against all reason and good conscience. In consideration wherof be it therefore now ordeined enacted and established, by the assent of the kinges maiestie, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same, that if any person of what estate degree or condicion so euer he be, or body politike, to whome the kinges maiestie hath by his letters patentes vnder his greate seale of Englad, or vnder the great seale of the same court of augmentacion, geuen or graunted, or hereafter shall geue or graunt, with like reseruacion of rent

or rentes, any manours, landes, tenementes, rectories or other hereditamentes what soever, whiche were or hereafter shall be in the order gouernance and suruey of the same courttes, or any of them, to be had to them and their heires or successours, or for any other estate of inheritance, or for terme of life or liues, yelding and reseruing to the same our said soueraigne lord the kinge his heires or successours, one yerely rente at one certaine day or feast in the same letters patentes, expressed, mencioned and declared, and to be paide into the same courttes, that if the same persons bodies politike their heires or successours or assignes, or any of them, do not truly content or pay or cause to be contented or paide vnto the treasurer of the said seuerall courttes, or to the general or perticular receiuour of the same seuerall courttes, deputed and assigned for the same for the time being, to the vse of the kinges highnes, at the day or feast limited by the same letters patentes, or within thre monethes next and immediatly after the same day or feast of paiement therof, all suche summes of money, which ben or hereafter shall be due reserued to the kinge maiestie his heires & successours, by the same letters patentes or by any of them, or make sufficiēt tender therof to the said Treasorer or general or particular receiuer: that then euery of y^e same persons, bodies politike, their heires successours or assignes, for lacke & default of paiment of the same rent, to forfait and loole to the kinges maiestie his heires & successours as much money as the fourth parte of the same rente so reserued or hereafter to be reserued for one yere, doth or shal amount vnto for and in the name of one peyne, ouer and aboue the same rent reserued or hereafter to be reserued. And if it happen the same persons bodies politike their heires successours or assignes or any of the, do not within one half yere next after the day or feast expressed in the same letters patentes, content or pay, or lawfully tender vnto the same Treasorer, or general or particular receiuer, to the vse of the kinges maiestie his heires or successours, as wel the said yerely rent so reserued or hereafter to be reserued, as also the sayde summe of money forfeited for and in the name of a peine: that then y^e same persons bodies politike, their heires successours or assignes, so offendinge, shall forfait and lose to the kinges maiestie his heires and successours, so much money as the moity or halfe deale of the same rente reserued or to be reserued for one yere, doeth or shal amount vnto, ouer and aboue the said rent reserued or to be reserued, and so to forfait and lose for euery half yere after, so much money as the hole rente reserued or to be reserued, for one hole yere, doth or shal amount vnto, vntill the same rente reserued or to be reserued, and the arrerages of the same, & also the said summes of money so forfeited and lost for a peine, ben vnto the same Treasorer or generall or particular receiuer truly satisfied contented and paide, to the vse of the kinges highnes his heires and successours.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that it shalbe lefull to the same Treasorer and generall or particular receiuer, to distraine as wel for the same rent so reserued or to be reserued, and for the arrerages of the

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the same, as also for the said summes of money so forfeited or to be forfeited and lost, for and in the name of the paine aforesaid. And also the head officer or officers of either of the same courtes for the time being, upon certificate to him made or to be made of the same defaulte and contempr, shall and may award such procees out of the same courtes against the same offender for not paying of the said rente so reserved, or to be reserved, and also for the same summes of money forfeited and to be forfeited by this acte as by his or their discrecion shall seme convenient.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons hereafter make lawfull payment to any of the saide Treasurers or generall or particular receiuer of any of the same courtes, deputed and assigned for the same, of any summe or summes of money due to the kinges highnes his heires or successours for any yerely rente or tenth, and upon or after such payment offer vnto the same Treasurer or generall or particular receiuer, one lawfull and sufficient acquitaunce redy made to be assigned by the same treasurer or generall or particular receiuer, witnesing the receipts of the saide summe or summes of money so payde: that then the said Treasurer generall or particular receiuer, shall with his owne hande assigne the same acquitaunce, without taking any fee or reward for making of the same acquitaunce, upon paine to forfeite and lose for euery time offending contrary to this acte, xl.s. one moitie whereof to bee to the kinges highnes, and the other moitie to the partie that will pursue for the same. And if the parties, whiche hereafter shall happen to pay to the same treasurer or generall or particular receiuer, any such summe or summes of money, and do not bring an acquitaunce with him to be signed as is beforesaid: that then if the same treasurer or generall or particular receiuer, vpon request to him made, shall make & deliuer vnto the same partie one sufficient acquitaunce, testifieng the same receipt, that then the same Treasurer or generall or particular receiuer or any of his clarkes, shall not receiue or take of the same partie for the makynge of the said acquitaunce not aboue foure pence, vpon paine to forfeite for euery such acquitaunce, xx.s. for which he or they shall happen to take aboue the said summe of. iiii.d. to be recouered as is beforesaid, that is to say, the one moitie thereof to the vse of the kinges highnes or his heires and successours, and the other moitie thereof to the partie that will pursue for the same.

¶ And be it also enacted, that the same acquitaunce shall be sufficient discharge according to the tenour and effect of the same.

¶ And be it also further enacted and ordeined by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the same general or particular receiuours, whiche now be or hereafter shall be within any of the said courtes, happen to pay to any person or persons any annuitie pencion or other rent: that then if the same person or persons vpon the receipt thereof deliuer vnto the same general or particular receiuer one sufficient and lawfull acquitaunce sealed and signed testifieng the same receipt: that then the same generall or particular receiuer

uour, shal receiue the same acquitance, without taking or receiuing any fee or rewarde for the making of the same. And if the same partie, to whom the said generall or particuler receiuer hath so contented and paid any such annuities, pencion, or rent, do not bring with him one sufficient acquitance signed and sealed, testifying the receipt of the same money, by reason whereof the same generall or particuler receiuer by him self or his Clarke maketh one acquitance for the receipt of the same annuities pencion or rent, that then the same receiuer or his Clarke, shall not receiue or take for the making of any such acquitance, whiche he shall so happen to make, not above .iiii. d. upon paine to forfeite for every such acquitance, whiche he shall happen to refuse, being redie made and offered to be deliuered to him as is abovesaid .xx. shillings: and for every acquitance whiche he shall here after happen to make for any the paymentes aforesaide, and to receiue for the making of the same acquitance above the said summe of .iiii. pence, to forfeite .xx. shillings, the one moitie to be to the kinge, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same. And also that the same generall or particuler receiuours or their deputies, which hereafter shall happen to pay any such annuities pencion or rent, shall not retaine or take of the partie, to whom he shall happen to pay the same, in the way of rewarde or otherwise, not above the summe of foure pence for every pounce, whiche the same generall or particuler receiuer shall so happen to pay, upon paine to forfeite .vi. s. viii. pence for every penny, whiche he or they shall happen to receiue above the said summe of foure pence for every pounce, whiche he or they shall so happen to pay: the one moitie of the same forfeiture to be to the king, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same. And that all the said suites concerning the said forfeitures, may be commenled and pursued by bill informacion or action, in which suite none esloine protection or wager of lawe to be admitted.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons hereafter happen to tender or offer vnto any of the auditours of the same seuerall courtes, for the time being, any of the kinges letters patentes, decrees of any of the same seuerall courtes, grauntes, indentures of leases, as well for terme of yeres, as for terme of life or liues, to be enrolled before the same auditour, according to his office: that than the same auditour, upon the same tender or offer, shall enroll the same, or as much of the same letters patentes decrees grauntes or indentures, as shall apperteyne to his said office. And if any of the same auditours or any of their clarkes, or any other to their vse, or to the vse of any of them, receiue and take for the intollement of any of the same letters patentes decrees, grauntes or indentures, or for the allowance of the same above the summe of .iii. s. .iiii. d. that then the same auditour or his clerk so offending shall forfeite .vi. s. viii. d. for every penny, whiche the same auditour or any of the, shall happen at any time hereafter to receiue contrary to the fourme aforesaide, the one moitie of the same forfeiture to be to the kinges highnes, and the other moitie to him that will sue for the same
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¶ And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that every auditour of every of the saide severall courtes perely in everie countie within their saide severall limittes, by the space of twentie daies or moze before their audite, shall proclaime and declare in. iiii. severall markettes or other places, the place and daies, where and when they will kepe their severall auditours in the same shire, vppon paine to forfait for every time so doing the contrarie. b.li. the one moitie wherof to be to the kinges highnes, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same in fourme aforesaid. And that also every of the auditours of the saide severall courtes being severally assigned to their severall limittes, and every of the particular recey- uours of the same severall courtes, being also severall assigned and ioynded with the same severall auditours in their said severall limittes, after and betwene every of the feastes of saint Michall the archangell and Christ- mas, shall directe and awarde their severall warrantes and preceptes un- der their seales, to every of the receuours bayliffes, reues, and other offy- cers what so ever accomptable before the same auditours, and by the same warrant or precepte to charge and commaunde in the name of our said so- ueraigne lord the kinge, every of the said receuours, bayliffes, reues, and other officers, to appere before them at one certaine daie and place in the same warrante or precepte to them prescribed, there to declare and make a iuste and true accompte of all such receiptes, wherof they be accustomed, and owe to accompte. And after if the same auditours and particular re- ceuours do repaire unto the same place, and there kepe their audite, accor- ding to the same proclamacions precepte and warrante, that then if any re- ceuour, bayliffe, reue, or other officer, beinge accomptable of or for any of the manours landes tenements or other what so ever hereditamentes, now repairinge or whiche hereafter shal be and remaine in the order gouvernace or suruey of any of the same severall courtes, be lawfullie warned, as wel by the same proclamacion or by precepte or warrante in writinge and sealed, & in the name of any of the Auditours of the saide severall courtes, personal- ly to appere by him selfe, or by his sufficient and lawfull deputie before the same auditour and receuour at one certaine daie and place, in the same warrante or precepte prescribed, there to make and declare a iust and a true accompte of all receiptes of his said office. And if the same receuour, reue, bayliffe and other officer, so bring lawfully warned, dooe not appere before the same auditour and receuour at the same daie and place in the saide warrante expressed: Or if the same receuour, bayliffe, reue, or officer, do at the same daie and place to them prescribed, appere, and will not accompte before the same auditour, according to the tenour and effecte of the same precepte or warrante, or if the same receuour bayliffe, reue, or other officer accomptable, do by him selfe or by his sufficient and lawfull deputie appere before the same auditours and receuour, and then and there enter into his or their accompte before the saide auditour, and after the same accompte

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finished and ended, if the same receiuer, bailiffe, reue, or other officer, do not contente and paie vnto the Treasourer of the same seuerall courttes, or to the generall or particuler receiuer of the same countie for the time beinge, as the case shall require, within thre weekes next & immediately after the same accompte fully finished and ended, all such summes of money whiche vpon the determination of his saide accompte he shal happen to be founde in arrearages, and the same defaulte and contempte being duely pro- ued before the head officer or officers of the said seuerall courttes for the time being: that than every suche receiuer bailiffe reue or officer, so offending to forfeite and lose his saide office, and also his fee, which he or they had & perceiued for the exercisinge of the same office.

¶ And be it also further enacted by auctoritie of this present parllamente, that if any of the said receiuours bailiffes reues or other officers, vpon the declaracion of their saide accomptes, do willingly concele and withdraue any rente, reuenue, fine, heriet, or other casualtie what so euer it be, of the whiche he ought to haue made accompte, and the same duely approued be fore the saide head officer or officers for the time being: that then euerye suche receiuer bailiffe, reue, or other officer so offending, to forfeite and lose his saide office and fee, which he had for the exercisinge of the same, and also thre times as muche as he hath so concealed & withdrawen. And that the said head officer or officers of the same seuerall courttes for the time beinge immediatly vpon certificat to him made of the same defaulte contempte or offence, shall awarde processe in nature of attachement against the same receiuer bailiffe reue or other officer, as well for the same arrearages remainyng in the handes of the same receiuer bailiffe reue or officer, as also for the penaltie of their recognisaunce or bonde, in whiche the same receiuer bailiffe reue or officer standeth bounden to our saide soueraigne lord the kinge, as also for the contempte and peyne limited and appointe by his acte.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that in all actions and suites to be taken or pursued in any the courttes aforesaide, for the reco- uerie of any dette or debtes, whiche now be or that hereafter shall hap- pen to appertaine accrueremaine or be to the king, by reason of any atten- dour outlawry forfeiture gifte of the partie, or by any other collateral way or meanes, it shall be sufficient in the lawe to shewe and allege in the saide suite generally, that the partie, to whom the said det or dettes was due or dyd belonge, suche pere and daie did geue the same det or dettes vnto the kyng, or was attainted outlawed or other offence, forfeiture, dede, act, or thing committed or did, by reason wherof the said det or dettes did accrue and ought to remaine come and be to the kinge. And that the same matter, so to be shewed alleged or declared in a generalite, without shewing and de- claring the circumstance therof, shall be of as good force and effecte in the lawe to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if the hole matter ther- of

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of had ben or were alleged and declared at large in euery point, according to the due order of the common lawes of this realme.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that if any suite be commenced or taken, or any proces be hereafter awarded for the kynge, for the recouerie of any the kinges dettes: that then the same suite and proces shal be preferred before the suite of any other person or persons. And that our said soueraigne lord his heires and successours, shall haue first execution against any defendant or defendantes, of and for his saide dettes, before any other person or persons, so alwaies that the kinges said suite be taken and commenced, or proces awarded for the saide det, at the suite of our said soueraigne lord the king his heires or successours, before iugement giuen for the said other person or persons.

¶ And be it enacted also by auctoritie aforesaid, that all manours, landes, tenementes, possessions & hereditamentes, the which now be or that hereafter shal come or be in or to the handes possession occupation or seison or any person or persons, to whom the same manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, haue heretofore or hereafter shal descende reuert or remain, in fee simple or in fee taylor, generall or speciall, by from or after the death of any hit or their auncestor or auncesters, as heyre, or by gifte of his auncesters, whose heire he is, whiche said auncestor or auncesters was is or shall be indetted to the king, or to any other person or persons to his vse, by iugement recognisaunce obligation or other specialtie, the det wherof is or shal not be contented and paid: that than in euery such case the same manours landes, tenementes, possessions and hereditamentes shal be & stand by auctoritie of this act, from henceforth, charged and chargeable to and for the payment of the same det, and of euery parte therof. And that our said soueraigne lord, his heires and successours, at any time hereafter shal not be barred delayed forclosed or excluded, to demaunde haue and receiue his or their iuste due and lawfull dettes & duties against any of his subiectes, as heyre or heires to any person or persons endetted to his highnes, or to other persons to his vse, or which shal be indetted to his highnes, his heires or successours, all be it this worde Heyre be not or shall not be comprised in such recognisaunce obligation or specialtie, or that any such person or persons shal say or allege, & he or they haue not in any manours landes, tenementes or hereditamentes to them descended, but only such manours lands tenementes, hereditamentes, as be or shall be entayled, or giuen to them by any their auncestours, to whom they be heires, any lawes, vses, or customs before this time vled or had to the contrarie not withstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaies that the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours, may at his or their libertie and pleasure, demaunde haue and recouer his or their said dette or dettes, of and against any executour or executours, administratour or administratours, of any such person or persons, which is hath ben or shal be indetted in maner and fourme abouesaide, if the same executour or executours, administratour or administratours, shal haue asses

in his or their hands in dede or in law, any thing before mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

Provided also that if the said manours landes and hereditamentes, or any of them, shal hereafter be recouered or euicted out of or fro the possession of anie suche person or persons, by any iuste or former title, without fraude or couine, whose manours landes tenementes or hereditaments ben or shal be charged or chargeable as is abovesaid: that then all and euery suche manours landes and hereditamentes, shal be clerely acquitted and discharged of and for the paiment of the said dettes, and of euery part therof, any thing before mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

Provided alwaie and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if anie personne or personnes, of whom any suche dette or duitie is or at any time hereafter shal be demaunded or required, allege pleade declare or shewe in any of the saide courtes good perfitt sufficient cause and matter in lawe reason or good consciens, in bar or discharge of the said dette or duitie, or why suche personne or personnes oughte not to be charged or chargeable to or with the same, and the same cause or matter so alleged pleaded declared or shewed, sufficientllye proued in suche one of the said courtes as he or they shal be impleaded sued vexed or troubled for the same: that then the saide courtes and euery of the, shal haue full power and auctoritie to accept adjudge and allowe the same proufe, and holly and clerely to acquite and discharge all and euery person & persones, that shal be so impleaded sued vexed or troubled for the same, any thing in this present act before mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, which be or at any time hereafter shal be charged or chargeable to or with the dette of our sayde soueraigne lord his heires or successours, and be or at anie time hereafter shal be in the seison and possission of diuers and sundry personnes, other then the obligour or obligours, that then all & singuler the saide manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes and euery parcell of them, shal be hollye and entierly, and in no wise seuerally, liable and chargeable, to and with the payment and paymentes of the saide dette and duitie, any thing before reherled to the contrary not withstandinge.

Provided also that this acte nor any thinge therein conteyned, shal in any wise extend to minishe abrogate or take awaie any realties, liberties, priuileges franchises preeminences iurisdictiones fines issues or amerciamentes, appertaining or belonging to the said Duchy of Lancaster and countie Palantine of Lancaster or any of them, but that the same liberties realties priuileges franchises preeminences iurisdictiones fines issues and amerciamentes and euery of them, shal stille continue remaine and be to the saide Duchy of Lancaster and countie Palantine and to euery of them, as fully holly and plenarly as they were before the making of this present act, any thing in the same conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

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¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide that all maner of proces proces & executions for dettes, onely comyng or growing in the courte of the Eschequer, shall be made in the same courte of the Eschequer by suche officer and officers, clerke or minister of the same courte, as hath bene afoze this time bled to be made, after and with suche kinde of proces proceses and executions, as by this acte is limited and declared, any thing in this acte contained to the contrie not withstanding.



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